

### Netanyahu asks Shoval to succeed Lieberman

#### By AVINCAM BAR-YOSEF MICHAL YUDELMAN and BATSHEVA TSUR

Zalman Shoval is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's choice as a successor for Avigdor Lieberman as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Netanyahu offered Shoval the job at a meeting at the prime min-isler's residence on Saturday night, a day before Lieberman submitted his resignation, sources in Jerusalem said yesterday. Shoval has not yet given

asked last night for a reaction, Shoval only would say "No comment." former ambassador to Α

Washington and ex-Likud MK, Shoval is seen by the prime minister as a figure who could improve Netanyahu's relations with the US, as well as with dissadsfied ministers within the cabinet, Jerusalem sources said. Netanyahu told Shoval he would expect him to also concentrate on

Netanyahu his answer. When

economic issues if he took the director-general's job, the sources

Last May, Shoval was mooted as a replacement for the preseot ambassador to the US, Binyamin

Ben-Elissar Meanwhile, State Attorney Edna Arbel said her office is studying the police's recommendation to indict Lieberman for fraud and theft. Her office received the recommendation several days ago and was not involved in the police investigation in any way, sbe

emphasized. Speaking at a meeting of the Israel Bar Association in Tel Aviv

yesterday, Arbel said she would not be deterred by the recent spate of acquittals for public figures by the courts.

There has been criticism that such indictments were politically motivated, and yesterday's meet-ing was called 10 discnss the large number of files opened into activities of public figures. Arbel said she planned to continue indicting public figures whenever there appeared to be evidence of criminal involvement.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein has condemned the continued leaks during the investigations of public gures.

Rubinstein said he is looking into establishing a committee to investigate the modus operandi of the various police officers who are in contact with the media and to establish hard and fast criteria on such contact.

Meanwhile, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said vesterday the chances of indicting Lieberman on fraud and theft charges, as the police recommend, were no higher than 50 percent.

The police recommendadon to indict Lieberman followed an investigation into suspicions that he did not return in full a loan he received from the Gesher Aliya association he headed a few years ago, and that he sold his car to the association at an exorbitant price.

The police decided to reopen the case two weeks ago, after an ink expert ruled that the document Lieberman had produced to prove he bad repaid the loan was

forged. Kahalani, who spoke to pupils at

the ORT school in Karmiel, did not conceal his fury over the "leak" of the police recommendaoon to indict Lieberman, which reached both television channels Monday night before the minister was advised of it.

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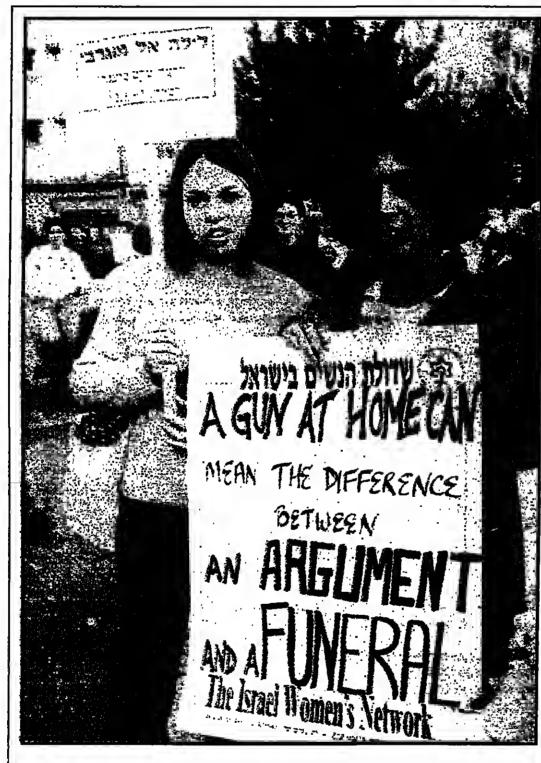
"It's a disgraceful hungle and I will take care of it my way," Kahalani said. "This does not mean I'm not a good minister. "It means there are malfunctions

in the police. Even the inspectorgeneral didn't know about it, and I think he should also find a way to take care of it."

### PM halts requests for Clinton meeting By JAY BUSHINSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu no longer is angling for an early one-on-one meeting with US President Bill Clinton, having concluded that the president's inability to find a mutually convenient date is a brush-off.

Israel's embassy in Washington has been instructed to stop trying to arrange the niceting, a source in the Prime Minister's Office said. Official sources indicated that the comments made by Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs Martin Indyk about Clinton and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright having lost patience with Netanyahu



### Netanyahu briefs Arafat on proposal **Cabinet meets** on redeployment

#### By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu plans to try to push a package deal with the Palestinians through the cabinet today, in the belief that a majority of the ministers will vote in favor.

The prime minister hopes to win cabinet approval for the handover of six to eight percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority, oo condition that the PA consents to accelerated final-status talks and suspension of the third rede-ployment stipulated io the Oslo Accords.

He spelled out the proposal in the security of Israeli settlements. detail in a late-night telephone conversation with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. This was confirmed by Palestinian as well as Israeli officials, neither of whom specified Arafat's reaction.

coalition partners oppose the idea of redeploying from any more ter-ritory. The National Religious Party's ministers are likely to vote against the scope and size of this further redeployment because they

### NRP ministers to vote against redeployment, Page 2

Yasser Abed Rabbo called the proposed Israeli withdrawal a mockery, while Arafat denied receiving any official proposal from the governmeot regarding a 6-8% believe it would deprive Israel of the strategic heights overlooking the Jordan Valley and undermine withdrawal.

the phone call.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath charged the proposal was an Israeli attempt to divide Palestinian land into cantons and

Arafat, who hosted French

Mai.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told

Defense Committee yesterday that Arafat is working on an alternative option should the peace process

fail and is preparing foreign gov-emments for a unilateral declara-

tion of a Palestinian state around

He said the Palestinians are cur-

rently focusing on two main

issues: the demand for an immedi-

ate further redeployment by Israel

Liat Collins adds:

May 1999.

Yitzhak Molcho to brief Sharon in

advance of the special cabinet ses-

sioo. Moicho also paid what was

described by Netanyahu as a cour-

tesy call on the PA chairman, in

which he apparently let Arafat

know that a plan was in the works.

The details were discussed only in

Palestinian Information Minister

were the straw that broke the camel's back.

Netanyahu still believes that a US-Israeli summit could advance the peace process. "But the president evidently doesn't feel that way," a source said.

The sources said Clinton's refusal to see the prime minister will not facilitate the conclusion of any new agreements with the Palestinians or prompt any new initiatives aimed at accelerating the peace process.

The State Department confirmed the remarks by Indyk, who also said that Clinton and Albright are demanding progress in peace talks be made by year's end.

Indyk made the remarks in a luncheon appearance Monday before the Center for Middle East and Economic Peace Cooperation.

An Israeli Embassy official confirmed the order from the Prime Minister's Office, but stressed that reports that Netanyanu is no longer interested in a meeting are not accurate.

He said approaches had been nade to US officials, and "it was lecided to stop pursuing a meetig, because the ball is in their [the mericans ] court. It's their deci-

on now ... We're not nudniks." tymbassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar prise with the White House 10 prise ago, the official said, and he suggested December 8 as a in, after informing the adminisles on that the proposed dates of Thember 4 and 5 were not workmorbecause Netanyahu is schedprogo be in Germany then.

US official said the White is still attempting to set up

zong. Collins adds: MK Ran Idea (Meretz) is demanding the Concminister appear before the Torait Foreign Affairs and Niver: Committee Io explain his Kisur on the US. "Netanyahu's Full G cut off the contact with Onkel's dangerous and shows a Onkel' self-importance verging Ralbatad." said Cohen. Metzue





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#### Stop the violence

Two women carry posters yesterday as they marched with others through Jerusalem to mark the International Day Against Violence Against Women. The sign at the left is one of many the protesters carried bearing the names of women who were murdered this year. Stories, Pages 5 and 11 (Brian Hendler)

### **Doctors suspend sanctions** pending mediation effort

### By JUDY SIEGEL

The Israel Medical Association yesterday suspended sanctions that have wreaked havoc in hospitals since before Rosh Hashana, and which have forced the postended. ponement of nearly 20,000 nonemergency operations naoonwide.

The IMA said they would halt the intermitteot strikes to give a mediator a chance to resolve the issue of who will pay for 360 additional doctors' positions in the hospituls.

The Treasury agreed in writing to add the slots in March, but then refused to pay for them.

The IMA suspended the labor actions after receiving a commitment to mediation signed by the employers - the government, Kupat Holim Clalit and administrators of the Hadassah Medical

Organization and other voluntary Yehoshua Matza, organizations that own hospitals.

Dr. Yoram Blachar, chairman of the IMA, said that until the jobs are actually added, "there is no certainty that the labor dispute has should be added.

He said the IMA has "agreed to participate in the mediation efforts out of concern for the condition of patients and real worry about the state of the public hospital system.'

But Blachar added that if we see that the Treasury is again violating the agreement, we will renew our struggle without hesita-

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, whom the doctors said they trusted, was involved in the negotiations.

The mediadon is expected to take two weeks, once a mediator

is appointed by Health Minister

It will deal only with implementation of the March agreement, without reopening the ques-tion of whether the 360 job slots

The suspension of sanctions comes not a minute too soon, as internal medicine departments are packed and likely to become even more crowded as a result of winter illnesses

Clalit director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg called for seeking a comprehensive solution to the severe financial difficuldes of the health system, rather than "putting out sporadic fires."

He called on the finance and health ministers to act immediately, noting that the NIS 1.3 billion deficit of the health system was growing by the day.

Netanyahu told the Palestinian leader that the details of the package are not yet complete, and suggested that there he a conrdinated announcement and reaction after the decision making process is completed in Israel.

A key element in Netanyahu's package is the proposed time frame: implementation of the pullback in five months, but only if the PA effectively cracks down on the terrorist infrastructure in the territories. Five months would give Israel time to assess the degree to which the PA complies with this condition.

If the cabinet approves the package. it would allow Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh and policy adviser Uzi Arad to present the plan to President Hosni Mubarak after submitting it first to his key adviser, Osama el-Baz. Naveh and Arad postponed their departure for Cairo until today, on the chance they could then convey a clearly defined cabinet position rather than a speculative offer.

However, two of Netanyahu's

#### to be expressed by Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael keep them under Israeli control. Eitan (Tsomet).

Strong disapproval also is likely

Political observers contend that Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine the cabinet is the "lowest political at his Ramallah office yesterday, hurdle" confronting Netanyahu. told reporters "I am not asking for They cited strong opposition to the package within his own Likud the moon, only what we signed and what was agreed upon at the faction and even more militant White House." disapproval in the NRP and Tsomet factions. the Knesset Foreign Affairs and

Anticipating this debate, Foreign Minister David Levy said Israel is committed to the peace process and that it will not advance if Israel simply marks time. He referred directly to the deal's Knesset foes. saying "if it appears that there is no support within the coalition, this will mean that their support for the government's guidelines and the Hebron Agreement was not sincere or genuine."

This would be a very grave development, he said.

and stopping construction in set-tlements. This is considered a test of Israel's seriousness about the A senior government source said the anger and threats expressed by peace process. He said the Palestinians feel they various cabinet members and coalition leaders was unwarranted. have a sympathetic ear in the US, but are preserving the semi-freeze "Nothing has been adopted at this stage," he said.

on the work of the joint committees Netanyahu made a special effort on the ports and safe passage to bring National Infrastructure because this could create a feeling Minister Ariel Sharon into the picof progress that would result in ture by asking his legal adviser decreased US pressure on Israel.

Livnat quells anti-Netanyahu mutiny by staying on

### By SARAH HONIG

Communications Minister Limor Livnat announced yesterday that she would not resign from the government, giving Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu breathing space to try and patch

up relations in his party. What happened lately in the Likud is like a bad dream and I hope that it's behind us. Great errors were made in the handling of Likud affairs and the convention, but these are not of the sort which cannot be put right," Livnat said, after a midday meeting with Netanyahu.

Livnat had been named as a ringleader of a scheme to dump. Netanyahu as Likud leader, and her decision not to bolt his cabinet suggests that there will oot be any mutiny in the very near future.

Yet the consensus in Likud is that the rebellioo against Netanyahu has been put on hold,

but not eradicated. Livoat conferred with Netanyahu for 90 minutes, in a follow-up meetiog to a lengthy tete-a-tete last week in which she told him she may quit her post. When she left the prime minis-

ter's bureau yesterday Livnat was all smiles and seemed in good spirits. She said she "has faith in the prime minister's sincerity in wishing to embark on a new chapter of cooperation with Likud ministers

and MKs. I do believe that he intends to turn over a new leaf." She conditioned her support, bowever, on his "adhering to the

government guidelines." I support much of what he does.

On the whole his policies are right and good and should be continued. I certainly do not want to see this government fail and I do not want to see [Labor Party leader] Ehud Barak become prime minister and

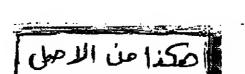
follow Meretz's lead. That is beyond question," Livnat said. She added: "I will give my full

backing to Netanyahu's policy so long as he continues, as he has so far, to carry out policies based on the interests of this state."

Livnat said she would not support a further IDF redeployment in the West Bank unless it comes after we determine our demands for the final boundaries of this country and for the final-status talks, and ... the Palestinians begin to live up in earnest to their own side of the bargain."

Livnat also objected to halting settlement building or to moves that could jeopardize "our exclusive sovereignty in Jerusalem."

Livnat suggested that Avigdor Lieberman's resignation this week as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office was a factor in ber decision.



### NEWS



### in brief

### Soldier lightly wounded in Lebanon

An IDF soldier was lightly wounded last night during heavy fighting in south Lebanon. Reports from the region said Hizbullah gunmen fired mortars at an IDF position in the security zone's eastern sector and that a soldier manning the post was wounded. The long-range attack sparked heavy exchanges in the area which were still continuing late last night.

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to convene at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura today (to hear four complaints from Israel about the firing on Sunday at Beit Leif village in the security zone in which eight local residents were killed and about Katyusha rockets being fired into Western Galilee. David Rudge

### 50th anniversary corruption probed

Knesset State Control Committee chairman Yossi Katz has launched an investigation into complaints of impropriety regard-ing the handling of fiftieth anniversary celebrations, Channel 2 reported last night.

The probe follows complaints about a \$300,000 hill submitted by Merv Adelson, who was appointed as organizer of anniversary celebrations in the US hy Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The bill was for flights, meals, hotel and secretarial expenses. Adelson, a contributor and friend of Netanyahu's, was also promised a budget of \$3 million without the knowledge of Invalid of the secretarial Israeli organizers, the television reported. Itim

### Jordanian infiltrator captured and returned

Soldiers captured a Jordanian citizen who infiltrated into the northern Jordan Valley late Monday and then returned him to Jordan, the IDF said.

The infiltrator, identified as Sadam Ibrahim Talawi, was captured near the Nave Or settlement. Security sources said the man was not hostile and was turned over to police for questioning. He was sent back to Jordan yesterday. The IDF stressed that Jordanian forces were involved in the search for the infiltrator. Last month soldiers fatally shot a Palestinian armed with a knife who penetrated the same frontier. Arieh O'Sulliv Arieh O'Sullivan

### Liberal US Jews form 'Beit Shalom'

With the support of Leah Rabin, an alliance of a dozen liberal American Jews groups in New York yesterday launched "Beit Shalom," a coalition that will campaign for peace and pluralism in Israel. "The Oslo process is in advanced stages of collapse, and we hold Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in part responsible for that collapse, with the complicity of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority," said Mark Rosenblum, one of the founders of Americans for Peace Now and a spokesman for Beit Shalom. Marilyn Henry

### Acre woman charged with spying

Nadia Fudeh, 45, of Acre, was charged in Haifa District Court yesterday with giving information to the enemy.

According to the indictment, Fudeh collaborated with PLO member, Halami Zuabi, who in the 1980s lived in Egypt and Iraq, and gathered information about Israel from several operatives, including Fudeh's sister, Faiza. Faiza Fudeh has been convicted of related charges.

### Arafat orders release of gov't critic

Palestinian Authority charganan Yasser Arafat ordered the release yesterday of a professor jailed since July after asking students in an exam about government comption. Subuh's wife, Fatmeh, said she expected her husband, Fathi

Subuh, 44, would be released later in the week. Subuh was taken to Gaza City's Shifa Hospital two weeks ago following a two-day bunger strike.

An English professor at Al-Azhar University, Subuh angered Palestinian authorities by asking his students in an exam about corruption in the PA, his lawyer, Raji Sourani said.

Netanyahu meets with Korean, US officials

## Ya'alon: Hamas may still strike

### Report: Jihad perpetrated Old City attack

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, MOHAMMED NAJE, and LIAT COLLINS Kalashnikov rifle was used in the The Damascus-based Al-Ouds radio station, which is affiliated attack, but details of the investiwith Ahmed Jibril's PFLPgation are being kept under wraps General Command, claimed yesand no arrests bave been made. terday that Islamic Jihad was Since the attack, security responsible for last week's terrorforces have beefed up their presence in the Old City and ist attack in Jerusalem's Old City. reopened a police station next to Sbortly after midnight last Wednesday, terrorists opened fire the yeshiva. at two yeshiva students returning

to their dormitory at the Ateret

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By LIAT COLLINS

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of Jewish Communities in Judea,

Samaria and Gaza, said the planned

withdrawal is designed to connect

Arab towns and villages, and will strangle Jewish communities.

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where and most importantly that the Palestinians should abide by

the Hebron Agreement and the

principle of reciprocity should be

Agriculture and Environment

Meanwhile, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon warned the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that Hamas may try to kidnap Israelis or carry out other terror attacks.

Security forces determined a Hamas does not have an agree-alashnikov rifle was used in the ment with the Palestinian Authority against carrying out terror attacks, he said. Hamas might try to kidnap

Israelis to use as bargaining chips in obtaining the release of Hamas prisoners, he added. According to an official hrief-

ing, Ya'alon also said Hamas has not rejected other terror options, including shootings and suicide bombings. In the past, terror attacks were

carried out to torpedo the peace process, Ya'alon said, but while

the process is frozen Hamas could carry out attacks to demand a prisoner release. If the peace process resumes, so could the other forms of attacks, Ya'alon said.

The Islamic Jihad is also "very interested" in carrying ont attacks and is huilding up an infrastructure, Ya'alon said.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is using the fight against terror as a negotiating card in the diplomatic process, Ya'alon said. He added that although the PA is not taking intensive action against the terror infrastructure, it does act to thwart

specific attacks. He said both Israel and the PA are trying to find the head of the Tsurif village terror cell responsi-ble for the attacks at Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market and Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall and at Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe. While the PA has received no

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promise from Hamas that it will not carry out terror attacks, the PA demands that any Hamas' attack does not embarrass the PA either in its timing or by being able to be traced back to PA controlled areas. Ya'alon said that the Hamas

leadership makes its own decisions on when and what type of attack to carry out.

The ABCs of redeployment six months after the previous one. On March 6, the cabinet approved stage one of a three-stage redeploy-

ment phase as stipulated under the Oslo Declaration of Principles (DOP), Oslo 2, and the Hebron Accord.

The two National Religious ministers - Zevulun Hammer (Education) and Yitzhak

to meet him this evening to discuss At a faction meeting yesterday, most of the party's MKs spoke against any further redeployment and said the government should instead begin negotiating a final-status arrangement with the Levy evaded questions on whether they would act to topple stage or in toto.

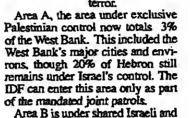
the government should the redeployment go ahead. But NRP whip Hanan Porat said that if the plan being mooted goes ahead, the NRP would not be able to remain in the Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom said: "The plan which has been leaked which talks of a 6 percent to 8 percent withdrawal would strike a fatal blow at Jewish settlely on the scope of the "specified ment and the security of the state." military locations."

stage was to have been carried out

Therefore, had the first phase gone through, the second phase would have been implemented in September While the spirit of the agreement

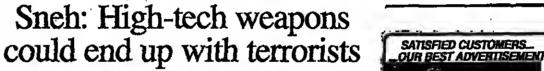
is open to subjective interpretation, the concept of the Oslo process, wherehy Israel hands over territo-

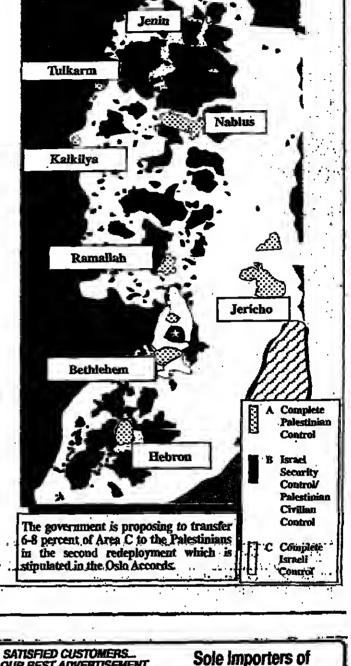
ry to the PA, rests Palestinians' promise to combat LOTIOE.



Palestinian control and includes over 400 villages in the West Bank. In these areas, the Palestinians control civilian affairs and public order but Israel retains overriding security authority, and the IDF can enter these areas at will. Area B now constitutes approximately 27% of the West Bank. At the time of the planned first-stage redeployment government officials visualized large sections of this area turning into Area A by the end of the threestage pullback.

Area C is under complete Israeli control and comprises 70% of the West Bank, including all the settlements, military installations and any areas not deemed A or B.





This stage involved the transfer of 9.1% of the West Bank to the Palestinians: 7% of Area B would have become Area A -BACKGROUND thereby almost tripling the amount By MARGOL BUDREVIICH of territory under sole Palestinian control (Area A), and 2.1% of Area C would have become Area B. The Palestinians rejected the pro-

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has invited NRP MKs posal and have reportedly demand-

Israel is committed to yielding the entire West Bank with the exception of settlements, any areas needed for external defense, and "specified military locations." But a January letter of assurances from former secretary of state Warren Christopher to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is being interpreted by the government as giving Israel the right to decide unilateral-

According to the agreement, each Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur was more moderate, saying the party should consider a redeployment "It

Levy (Transport) - said they would vote against the redeploy-ment at today's cahinet meeting. The party is expected to announce its stand on further redeployment today, after the cabinet

> ed 30% of the West Bank be handed over to them in each of the three stages. It should be noted that while the Oslo Accords relate to the threephase redeployment there is no mention of specific locations, or the amount of area to be handed over to the Palestinian Authority, in each

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told South Korean Deputy Prime Minister Kwan Oh-Kei yesterday that relations between their countries are excellent, noting that trade between them has grown by 30 percent this year, the Prime Minister's Bureau said. Oh-Kei said at the meeting that Netanyahu's visit to Korea this summer had strengthened their ties.

Netanyahu also met yesterday with House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman. Jerusalem Post Staff

### Activists: Reshet Gimmel interfering with Arutz 7

Right-wing activists last night charged that Reshet Gimmel had begun to "deliberately" interfere with Arutz 7's pirate broadcasts in the center of the country on 105 FM. The activists threatened to retaliate by interfering with broadcasts of Reshet Gimmel, along

### Israel targets Dutch defense market



Dutch Deputy Defense Minister Jan Meijling will attend a demonstration of an anti-armor missile by Rafael today as part of an Israeli campaign to enter the small hut important defense market in Holland. The Rafael missile, called Gil, is competing against Lockheed Martin's Javelin missile for a Dutch military contract in a competition that is expected to be decided next year. Meijling said last night that be foresees several areas of cooperation between

Israeli and Dutch defense industries. Meijling termed his three-day visit here as "very positive." Steve Rodan

#### Karaci Elian said any n EH Q'SULLIAN ther redeployment must be condi-

The state comptroller has agreed to investigate whether Israel is tioned on the Palestinians fulfilling all their commitments. selling its high-tech weapons sys-Among the commitments be cited as not being fulfilled or being tems to countries where they violated were: the promise to fight terror, to void the Palestinian might fall into enemy hands. MK Efraim Sneh, head of the Covenant, to hold only a certain Knesset subcommittee on the IDF

number of weapons, and to stop and defense establishment, said vesterday he feared the search for polluting water sources. profits by military industries were Why do we have to move forward when the other side marches leading them to sell unique in place and even backtracks?" be weapons, many developed with funding from the ministry of Third Way whip Yehuda Harel, defense, to questionable customers.

who met with the prime minister "I am afraid that business considyesterday to discuss the redeployerations are overriding defense conment, said his party supports a large withdrawal, in keeping with the Third Way's idea of "peacefulsiderations when it comes to the decision on exporting high-tech military systems," Sneh said. "These weapons may be transferred illegally to hostile states or terrorist ly separating from the Palestinians." The Third Way is continuing to push for a national organizations and that could cause significant harm to Israel." unity government. Margot Dudkevitch adds:

Such said he asked the comp-Settlement leaders are making troller to investigate the process of frenzied attempts to convince granting export licenses for weapons produced in Israel. He MKs and ministers to object to fursaid the comptroller agreed and In an interview on Arutz 7, Pinhas would open an investigation. Wallerstein, chairman of the Council

Such noted that Rafael in particular may have crossed a fine line in deciding to sell Poland 5,000 anti-tank missiles as part of a deal

The deal also involves turning Poland's transport Huzar belicopters into gunships, each equipped with four NT-D missiles developed by Rafael. The missile, also called the Long Spike, was designed to be launched from beli-

copiers. According to foreign reports, the missiles are fitted with a tandem warhead allowing them to penetrate targets fitted with explosive reactive armor.

Sneb said that sophisticated weapons are developed for use hy the IDF, "not for any other reason and certainly not for profit." Sneh said that the defense industries maintain that if they didn't sell their products abroad they would be forced to shut down and

lay off workers. "I said that if the weapons were so unique and we want to preserve them, then the industries should be subsidized by the number one ben-efficiary of the weapons, the defense ministry," Sneh said. "Just look at what a primitive missile like the Sagger is doing to our forces in Lehanon. Imagine what damage could be inflicted upon our forces if the missile fell into the hands of Hizbullah," he said.

### Iraqi threat not over

#### By LIAT COLLINS

The Iraqi threat is not yet over in the opinion of OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who warned Knesset members yesterday that Baghdad may again try to stop UN observers from inspecting weapons in his country.

Ya'alon also told the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the observers believe Iraq is biding chemical and biological

weapons. Although Iraq does not have a nuclear capability, it could regain one within a year, once it obtains the necessary materials, since Iraq still has the requisite scientific infrastructure and knowhow, Ya'alon added.

Iraq is believed to be hiding two missile launchers and 16 to 18 missiles, Ya'alon said. from Hillel Kuttler adds Washington: Syria, Iraq, Iran and Libya are

"aggressively seeking" nuclear, "

biological and chemical weapons and were "the most pressing threats" to Middle East stability, a Pentagon study released yesterday said

"Although Syria faces severe financial constraints over the next decade, the strategic importance of ballistic missile and chemical programs will ensure a high prior-ity during this time period," the

progress" to "becoming self-sufficient in ballistic missile produc-

Defense Secretary William Cohen said the US would continue urging Russia to cease cooperating with Iran's missile development.

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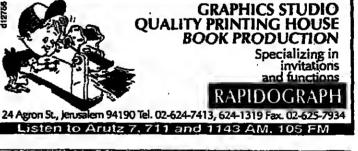
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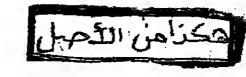
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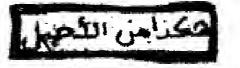


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NEWS

### Residents of new settlement Kfar Oranim: 'We're not settlers'

### By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

found to be illegal. The first five families moved into Kfar Oranim, a new settlement of some 100 homes just over the Green Line near Modi'in, Army Radio reported yesterday. Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said it was set up without nearby during the Labor governhis knowledge or coordination ment, they said. with the ministry.

He added that his office would investigate whether they had ministry approval for moving into their homes. "We did not approve it. I presume that if it was done, it happened under the Rabin administration," Shalom said during a tour at the Erez checkpoint.

Shalom said the current government's sentiments toward settlement were irrelevant. "If it was in fact approved legally then it will remain," he said, "We have no intention of causing an escalation. It doesn't matter if we are satisfied with it or not. It is a matter of legality."

months, he said. He added that a second stage for Bot Shalom refused to say discharged soldiers and their fami-

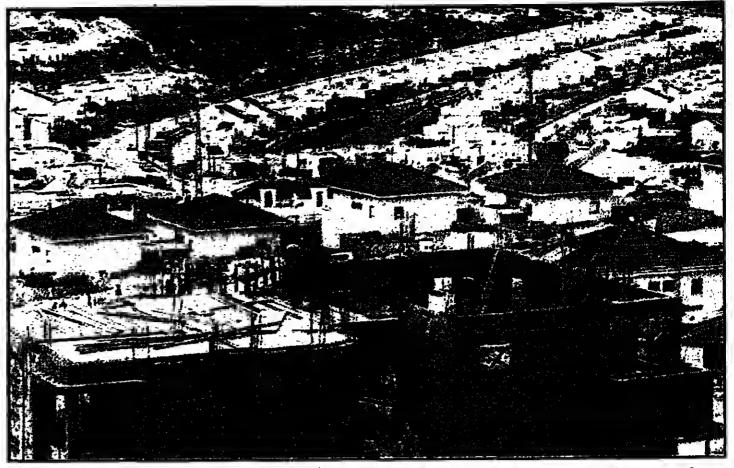
whether he would order the lies is being planned and a foundation has been established to overremoval of the settlers if it was see the operation.

Defense sources said the settle-The majority of residents due to ment had been approved by the move to the village in the coming Rabin government as part of a plan months are from Tel Aviv, Bat Yam and Jerusalem, he said. They are to buffer the Green Line in the Modi'in district. Another settlemostly academics and families with young children, whose politiment called Ofarim was also built cal views range from the center to Left, Ben Shosha said, Meanwhile, Kfar Oranim resi-

In order to reach their homes, dents expressed outrage at the residents use the road leading reports on Army Radio of a new through Lapid and children are settlement, stressing that they are not settlers. "We're seeking a qual-ity of life and fresh air, we did not transported to schools in Modi'in until renovations at the school in Lapid are completed, Ben Shosha said. "After hearing today's come here for idealogical reareports I have begun to understand sons," stressed Victor Ben Shosha, how animosity toward the media is He said some families are rentgenerated; such irresponsible reports only serve to hamper our ing villas in the village until their own houses are completed by the existence."

However, Peace Now director eneral Mossy Raz and Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar both insisted that Kfar Oranim' is a settlement,

despite the denial of residents.



Construction workers look over Kfar Oranim, a settlement in the Modi'in area, where five families moved into homes yesterday. (AP)

### RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW By YOSEF BEGUN

#### beginning of Bolshevik power in

the village's appointed spokesman.

contractor. The land was sold off to various contractors, and most of

the 100 villas in the village should

be completed within the next few

Vremya reports that Yisrael Ba'aliya claims that the goal in next year's municipal election campaign is to "have a mayor in three or four cities and deputy mayors in 20-25 cities from their party." Preparations for the municipal

elections are made by a central party committee, headed by Natan Sharansky. The central committee is study-

ing the nature of the political forces in each city. It is studying the criteria for the selection of candidates and bolding seminars to learn how to run in the elections. In the municipal elections,

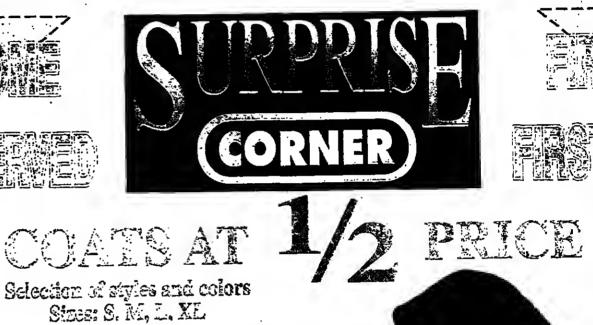
"Russian candidates will receive between a quarter to a third of the places [on the local councils]; their leaders can expect to become deputy mayor at the very least," says Alex Prilutsky in Vesti, speaking of large cities such as Ashkelon Ashedd and Beersheba. The representatives of the Yisrael Ba'aliya Asts elected m these cities will manage the

important municipal departments with large budgets." Kirvat Gat, he says, is one of m

the largest country in the world. "There are almost no traces of world communism or the notion of building 'victorions socialism in a separate country," says Sofia Ron in Vesti. "Although the Soviet colossus with feet of clay ultimately fell on its face, at least one part of the Soviet legacy remains: Their plans of regulating the situation in the Middle East. The final stages of the Oslo Agreements are very similar to these plans made over 15 years ago." In 1982, the Soviets suggested

the following: To give the Arabs back their native land. To satisfy the legal and national rights of the Arab nation of Palestine by creating their state on land freed from Israeli occupation. To deem the annexation of the eastern part of Jerusalem illegal. At the time, says Ron, these recommendations seemed so absurd that nobody could imagine that Israel would ever accept them. Nobody could have imagined 15

years ago "that the Jewish State would voluntarily go the way of



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cities that may have a "Russian mayor." Almost 100 percent of the immigrant voters - 1/3 of the city's population - will support a Russian candidate. In Netanya, half the population are "Russian citizens." The polls show that 80-95% of them will support a Yisrael Ba'aliya list.

### The Soviet ME legacy

In light of the recent stormy political events, the Israeli press hardly mentioned an important historical date: the 80th anniversary of the "Red October," the

### attended a hearing in the case. "Lerner is not permitted to see anyone but his wife who, before

said. He is subjected to deplorable prison conditions "as though he were a dangerous criminal."



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### The Gregory Lerner trial

"There is no court decision yet, but Gregory Lemer [Zvi Ben-Ari] is already regarded as a convict," MK Sofa Landver (Labor) is quoted in Russian Israelsyanin, after she and MK. Yuri Stem (Yisrael Ba'aliya)

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### WJC President Edgar Bronfman on Holocaust restitution: Switzerland is dragging its feet

NEWS

#### By BATSHEVA TSUR

By ebanneling money to Germany in return for stolen Jewish gold, Switzerland in fact prolonged World War II, World Jewish Congress President Edgar

Bronfman charged yesterday. Furthermore, Switzerland is dragging its feet today with regard to heirless assets belonging to Jewish victims and should follow the example of other European countries such as Norway, which have reassessed their attitude and are taking action, Bronfman said.

"It is like pulling teeth to get the Swiss to do something" at the Volcker Committee, Broofman told a session of the Knesset Committee oo Restitution of Jewish Property. "Its work is slow and ponder-

ous. Switzerland should examine its past with speed like other European countries ... I bope we can achieve an honorable end" to the Holocaust restitution process, he said.

Bronfman, repeating past alle-gations, also accused the Swiss of turning a blind eye during the war to transports of Jews to death camps on trains that went through Zurich.

Thomas Borer, a Swiss Foreign Ministry envoy who heads a Swiss task force on World War II, denied the accusation.

There is no oral or written testimony of Jews passing through Zurich, which had a large Jewish population that could have seen

LOS ANGELES (AP) -

California's insurance commis-

sioner will join several other

states in helping Holocaust sur-

vivors and heirs to those killed in

Nazi war camps recoup money

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this. I request you don't repeat this," he said. "It's an offense to

Borer described German Holocaust assets as small, and denied that their existence could have prolonged the war. But be admitted that there was and still is "some antisemitism in Switzerland. The government and every honorable Swiss citizen takes this very seriously. It is totally against our fundamental principles and I promise we will fight it," he said. "For our own survival - imports of food, raw materials and energy we had to deal with [Germany] to some extent," be said.

was reassessing its role to see "bow much resistance to the Nazis was possible and to draw the consequences."

He said that the Bergier Commission lonking into Switzerland's war role would publish a first report probably next week.

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the differences between us remaio," committee chairman MK Avraham Herschson said. He added that the Jewish world was united io wanting to see justice done.

The Natiooal Associatioo of

Insurance Commissioners task

force is holding hearings across

the United States to investigate

allegations that Holocaust victims

and their heirs have been robbed

of benefits on policies paid for

US regulators are expected to

decide by year's end how the

associatioo might pressure US subsidiaries of the European com-panies to pay on the old policies.

States such as Washington and

New York are moving on their

A lawsuit against 16 European companies seeking \$1 billion from each has been filed.

more than 50 years ago.

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said

Borer noted that Switzerland

This was only one step - along with the Volcker Committee, the publication of unclaimed accounts by the Swiss Bankers' Association and the establishment of the Swiss Fund for Needy Survivors - in trying to resolve

"Despite your sincere remarks, Seated at a special session yesterday of the Knesset Committee on Restitution of Jewish Property (right to left) are Swiss envoy and

head of the Switzerland-World War II Task Force, Thomas Borer, New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, the committee chair-man, MK Avraham Herschson, and World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman. (Isaac Harari)

NEW YORK - The Allies have oot yet made a final decision on wbo will receive or allocate the \$60 million in "residual gold" recovered from Nazi loot after World War IL, although they favor giving it to survivors, according to a State Department source.

week, when the former Allies, along with delegates from Europe and Israel, convene in London for the so-called gold conference, which is expected to shut down the Tripartite Gold Commission and distribute its remaining assets. The commission was established by the Paris reparations treaty after the war to repatriate some 330 metric tons of gold that had been recovered from the caches looted from the central banks of Europe. The remaining gold is valued at between \$60m. and \$70m., and Jewish organizations have been lobbying for it.

Earlier this week in Jerusalem, Lord Janner of Britain spoke of a fuod that was to be established io conjunction with the World Jewisb Congress and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which will make disbursements to eligible individuals, 90 percent of them Jews.

However, under Article 8 of the Paris treaty, the funds to benefit Jewish refugees were divided between the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The US, Britain and France the administrators of the Tripartite Gold Commission - support the idea of a "Nazi Persecutee Relief Fund," but the "format and structure of the fund is undecided," the State Department source said.

"We expect it will go to needy survivors via recognized NGOs," he said, referring to

non-governmental organizations. He did not elaborate.

The London conference brings together the natioos who were party to the post-war Paris reparations treaty or claimants for Nazi loot, Under the terms of the Paris treaty, which established the Tripartite Commissioo as well as the rules for reparations, the Jewish Agency and the Joint were designated to receive 90% of \$25m, that the Allies had set aside to resettle "non-repatriable" Nazi victims.

The claimant nations got gold from the Tripartite Commission according to a proportional system under which each country was to receive a "quasi-final" payment of some 65% of its "recognized" claim for Nazi-pluodered gold. Technically, these nations are entitled to the residual gold and would have to forfeit their claims in order for the survivors to benefit.

### Court halts head decsion By HELEN KAYE

Supreme Court Judge Eliezer Goldberg yesterday issued a tem-porary ruling forbidding the gov-emment and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer from appointing a new Educational TV head without a tender.

The decision came following a petition to the court on Monday by MK Avraham Poraz (Sbinui-Meretz) seeking to prevent such an appointment by the government

Expressing his satisfaction with the decision, Poraz reiterated his earlier contentiou that since ETV broadcasts current affairs programs, it was improper to install a political appointee who would be bebolden to the minister who appointed him.

The government's decision to appoint a search committee was no better than a smoke screen which would permit Hammer to install his chosen candidate, Poraz maintained, saying the commit-tee's members were only empowered to offer the minister a list.

Hammer's candidate to replace curreot ETV head Ahuva Feinmesser, who resigned last week, is media specialist Motti Sklar, who is religious and reput-

edly close to Hammer. They have been trying to get rid of Feinmesser for a year and a

Ministry The Education spokesperson said its legal staff was studyiog the ruling, but according to the Civil Service Commission Feinmesser was also appointed without competing in a tender.

Civil Service Commission spokesman Arye Greenblatt con-curred that Feinmesser was appointed to her post in 1994, but added this was legal under civil service regulations, which allow for intra-service transfers by appointment.

In the case of a promotion, however, the position could either be put out to teoder or the candidate could appear before a committee. Feinmesser appeared before a Sklar is not in the civil service.

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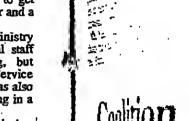
Source: Allies may allocate \$60m. to survivors

### US get help to recoup insurance payments

### By MARILYN HENRY

A formal recommendation is due next

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### Australian athletes to sue over bridge

SYDNEY - More than 40 Australian athletes burt in the bridge collapse that occurred at the opening of the Maccabiah Games, plan to sue over the accident which also killed four colleagues and left many ill from polluted water, their attorney said yesterday.

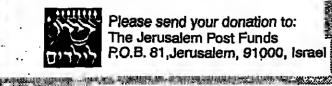
Attorney Peter Redlich said the athletes would sue the Maccabi World Union which organized the games, municipal authorities, and the contractors and sub-contracjors who built the bridge.

"We are seeking general dam-ages for pain and suffering and pecuniary damage for economie loss," Redlich said.



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Redlicb said he hoped the case would "set new benchmarks" for the calculation of personal injury damages in Israel.

Two athletes died at the scene of the July accident and 43 were injured. Another two died later from infectioos caused by the water.

At least 10 athletes have fallen ill since returning to Australia, many with respiratory problems. Redlich said all his clients had suffered physical injuries, with many also suffering psychological trauma.

He hoped investigations in Israel would be concluded by the end of the month so the defendants could be ideotified and water samples taken from the Yarkon River. Redlicb said the suit was a combined action.

He would oot specify the extent of damages being sought as com-pensation for what he described as "an extraordinary degree of negligence.'

He believed other iodividual suits would be pursued by the families of those who died and from the family of 15-year-old Sasha Elterman, who remains in hospital with a braio abscess which doctors say was caused by polluted water.

Peter Elterman, Sasha's father, said he had sought to take up the matter alone.

"We have an independent representation as I believe do three of the families who lost loved ones," Elterman told Australian Broadcassing Corp. radio. "We feel that it's very hard for

everyone to sue together, plus some of these representatives ... are suing through the Maccabiah World Union and some through Maccabi Australia and we want to be totally independent from that," he said.

Elterman said he was meeting

yesterday with an Australian Justice Department representative, who would outline to him bow the case was expected to proceed.

His immediate priority was the health of Sasha before seeing that the right people were brought to justice over the accident, he said. He said his daughter's health had improved slightly in the past two days and she was in a stable condition.

an grounds, made during his state Maccabi Australia president visit to India in January. At the time, the Indians Tom Goldman was quoted as saying many of the athletes wanted those responsible to face criminal promised they would consider the charges. "Nobody's really stood appeal favorably, and Beit Hanassi up and been held accountable and

responsible," Goldman said. Goldman said Israel and the Maccabi World Union had agreed to give a \$1 million loan to help Australian team members, who would repay the loan from subsequeot compensation payments. In August Maccabi Australia began its own investigation into the incident, with water samples from the river being sent to laboratories in Australia and the United States. An Israeli inquiry found in July that faulty design, materials and construction led to the disaster. (News agencies)

Arab vote he could oot be elected.

He said a national unity govern-

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the Arabs would not further the

**Dispute over Har Meron** 

Committee, chaired by Sallah

Tarif (Labor), decided yesterday

reading in the Knesset.

The Knesset Interior

peace process.

### Weizman plea leads to release of 6 Israelis from Indian jail continued to follow up the case.

### By BATSHEYA TSUR

The Foreign Ministry, which had maintained contacts with the Six young Israelis who were sen-tenced to 10 years' imprisonment Indian authorities on the subject, yesterday lauded the decision by for drug abuse in Goa have been released by an Indian court of the Goa court. The six were jailed early last

appeal. The release came following year under a law requiring a a plea by President Ezer Weizman mandatory minimum of 10 years' imprisonment for the possession to the Indian government for the of more than five grams of hashish. They appealed with the youngsters' release on humanitari-

help of local lawyers. Former Foreign Ministry legal adviser Robbie Sabel was appointed to deal with the legal aspects of

the case from the Israeli side. The offenders were travelling after completing their military service and none had previous coovictions. They were all released over the past few days and are awaiting papers which will allow them to leave India.

Meanwhile, cootacts are under way between the two countries for the signing of a prisoner-exchange agreement which would permit those sentenced abroad to serve their sentence io a prison in his bomeland. Israel has a similar agreement with Thailand.

### Jerusalem hospital plans to expand

### By JUDY STEGEL

Jerusalem's Misgav Ladaeb obstetrics and community hospital has launched a international fundraising campaign for \$9 million to double its size and turn it into a general hospital with all major services, including an emergency room. But Health Ministry spokesman

Dubi Ben-Ami said yesterday that

the meantime, the ministry bas not yet approved such a move." Shiomo Peretz, a spokesman for the 150-year-old hospital, said the institution's international board will soon meet abroad to formally approve the raising of \$5.5 million to build another three floors covering 5,400 square meters, plus \$3.5 million to equip them. Instead of being just an obstetrics/gynecolo-

Misgav Ladach should wait, as "in gy bospital which also performs minor urological surgery and has various outpatient clinics, Misgav Ladacb wants to be a full-fledged public medical institution,

in recent years, but they have quieted down with the naming of Dr. director,

Misgav Ladach has suffered

from various managerial problems and even some personnel scandals Moshe Cohen as administrative

### Labor MKs submit bill for early elections

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen and . Labor leader Ehud Barak said be party colleague MK Haim Ramon have submitted a bill calling for the early dissolution of the Knesset and new elections.

Ramon said he filed the bill because of the government's failure to fight terrorism, the freeze in the peace process, the deterioration in relations with Arab couotries, and the increasing diplomatic isoladon of the country. He also mentioned the crisis of confidence between the prime minister and his ministers.

### Arabs seek candidate for PM

MK Walid Sadek (Meretz) has asked the Arab Steering Committee, the umbrella body for Israeli Arabs, to decide on a candidate for the premiersbip from among the Arab population. standing and often violent dispute Sadek said be took the step after

would establish a national unity AT THE KNESSET government if he were elected prime minister. Sadek said Barak should remember that without the

By LIAT COLLINS between the residents of the Druse

village and the NRA, raised the ire of environmental groups when it recently passed preliminary reading. MKs against amnesty

In a Knesset debate late Monday night, the eight MKs present unit-ed against the idea of a general amnesty to mark the 50th anniver-sary of the state. The MKs voted against the amnesty and supported the following statement. "The Knesset sees the president as the only authority able to grani amnesty."

4,300 empty public flats

empty apartments belonging to public companies, including some 1,400 in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Landver, who brought a group all of which cost millions of shekels a year to maintain.

Many of these are empty for more than three years. These are some of the figures presented at the Knesset Public Complaints

Committee yesterday. The Housing and Construction Ministry and the Immigration and Absorption Ministry keep avoiding responsibility, and the victims are new immigrants who need housing solutions, both committee chairman Rafi Elul and Sofa Landver (both Labor) said at the end of the meeting. Elui said it costs the government

more than NIS 80 million a year to maintain these apartments and said the money could be better spent elsewhere.

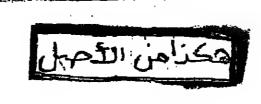
The committee members said the empty apartmeots turn into

Landver, who brought a group of new immigrants to the meeting, described the situation as "a national crime."

The committee is demanding a cabinet meeting on the subject and asked for a state authority to be created to mooitor the situation, collect figures on empty apart-ments and find the immigrants or needy people who can live in the them

### **Pines wants PMPs** budget checked

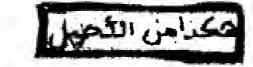
MK Ophir Pines (Labor) has asked Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) to examine the prime minister's budget following reports his entourage required 100 hotel rooms during the recent visit to the US.



that if no agreement is reached between the residents of Beit Jann and the Nature Reserves Authority, Tarif's bill allowing the residents to ose their land in the

Har Meron Nature Reserve as they want will be brought up for fust The bill, which follows a long-

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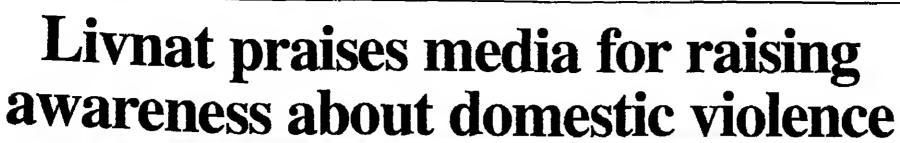
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### By LIAT COLLINS

The Jerusalem Post Wednesday, November 26, 1997

It is unusual for a cabinet member to praise the press, but that's just what Communications Minister Limor Livnat did in the Knesset yesterday. Livnat praised journalists - or at least women journalists - who have raised public awareness about domestic

violence. "It's our public and moral ohligation in the government to budget for [action against domestic violence.] We can't escape this responsibility," Livnat said at a special meeting marking the International Day Against Violence Against Women.

Sbe said Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu is the first premier who personally became involved in the fight agaiost domesoc violence.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai also has taken initiative in combating violeoce, she said.

"I am ohliged as a person, womeo, minister and MK to this issue," Livnat said, though she could not promise extra funding. The Knesset passed a string of preliminary hills and heard several modons on violeoce against

women. Among the hills considered yesterday was one increasing to one year the period a violent person can be removed from the family home; another hill calls for victims to be informed wheo an offender is about to be released from prison; a government bill calls for forming a state authority to coordinate policy on domesoc violence; and another would make it mandatory for people such as health-care workers to report suspected cases of domestic violence.

MK Yael Dayan (Labor), who chairs the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, stressed



The president's wife Reuma Weizman (center) examines a certificate presented to those who pledge to fight violence against women before signing it on behalf of her husband and herself at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi yesterday. WIZO officials have asked the prime minister, Knesset speaker, MKs, and other officials to sign the pledge. (Avi Hayoun)

that violence agaiost women occurs in all sectors and throughout the country.

Unlike in most other countries, in Israel a woman can safely walk example. the streets at night but might be afraid to go home because of domestic violence, Dayan said. The president's wife, Reuma

sad day. Weizman, praised the gathering, but said that acoons speak louder than words.

She and President Ezer cient punishments. Weizman earlier signed a certificate promising to act against violence and provide a personal

"It's a sad day," she said. "There are some women for yesterday. whom [every day] of the year is a

The discussions focused on the lack of the budget necessary to finance solutions and on insuffi-Avigdor Kahalani released yes-

The Jewish Agency has hudget-Police opened 17,292 files in ed more than NIS 4 million sioce response to complaints about 1996 and for 1998 oo dozens of domestic violence in October and programs to comhat violence November this year, compared to against women, Itim reported 16,652 in the same period last

However, the number of com-Of these, 11,953 resulted in plaints filed about domestic viocriminal convictions this year, lence has risen, according to figcompared to 9,387 last year. ures Internal Security Minister About 76% of the cases were filed by women.



### Teachers impose sanctions

Fourth-, sixth- and seventh-grade teachers across the country will not start their classes unoil 9 a.m. today to protest the nonimplementation of the Treasury and Education Ministry's agreement, the Teachers Union announced yesterday. Union head Avraham Ben-Shabbat said sanctions would be increased if the promises regarding classroom hours and teachers' salaries and other funding issues are not kept. Itim

### World leaders to participate in jubilee

US President Bill Clinton, the presidents of Germany and Italy, and the prime ministers of Canada, Great Britain, France and Australia have confirmed their participation in ceremonies marking the opening of Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations on December 23, the first night of Hanukka, according to Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who bears ministerial responsibility for the jubilee.

### Tires slashed on Arab-owned cars in Old City

Vandals slashed the óres of 34 Arab-owned cars in Jerusalem's Old City, police said yesterday. Police are investigating whether the vandalism came in response to a terror attack last week in which a yeshiva student was killed and another wounded.

### Second suspect arrested in Onassis plot

Geneva police said yesterday they had arrested a Swiss man on suspicion of involvement in an alleged plan to kidnap Athina Onassis Roussel. The 36-year-old man was arrested Monday in Geneva upon his return from the US, according to police spokesman Jacques Volery.

He declined to give further details about the suspect's involvement in the alleged plot to kidnap Athina, sole heir of Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis.

Geneva investigating Magistrate Jacques Delieutraz has named seven Israelis in an international arrest warrant on suspicion of attempted kidnapping, preparatory acts to commit a crime and belonging to a criminal organization. Ropen Balulu, one of the wanted Israelis, was arrested io Milan two weeks ago. Reuters

### Reported child abuse up in '96, Kadman says

Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, head of the National Council for the Child, said yesterday that reported cases of child abuse had risen in 1996 to 18,143; 16,800 cases were reported in 1995. Kadman told a WIZO conference about children at risk that the increase was felt nationwide. He ooted that for every reported case there are usually three to eight unreported cases of ahuse ranging from beaones to sexual abuse and neglect.

### **Coalition MKs threaten** to vote against budget

### By DAVED HARRES

MKs from Likud and Yisrael Ba'aliya yesterday threatened to in crisis.

massive layoffs and is trying to rebuild the budget. In any case, the government must step in oow and help us as they do other cities

Menahem Mizrachi, head of the

has a large Anglo-Saxoo population, are quesconing the effectiveness of Israel's frequent strikes. "Doesn't anyone talk things over in this country and come to a negotiated settlement?" queried Roger Jackson, a recent immigrant from the US. "We just missed so much school

soon. Where is your heart?" It certainly is not with the students, Holly Nosatsky said. She and the other mothers have been asked to take turns filling the places of the city workers in the pre-school ber child attends. "It is basically being 'Cleaner

for the Day.' I did it once, and I

Netanya municipal workers go on strike

### By SARAH HERSHENSON

Netanya municipal workers plan to go on strike today to protest recent salary reductions. Local services will be almost shut down, with garbage collectors, teachers and employees at municipal oursery schools joining work-

"The mayor, Zvi Poleg, has no choice," the city spokeswoman said. "He does not want to order

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vote against the 1998 state budget if the Treasury refuses to make changes to the proposals that they say will hit the disadvantaged.

The threats from MKs Shaul Amor (Likud) Yuri Stern, Roman Bronfman and Michael Nudelman (Yisrael Ba'aliya) were made as Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman addressed the Knesset social cau-

cus. MKs from all parties coodemned the budget proposal, which includes an NIS 2.3 hillion cut in public spending. The key concerns are over planned cuts to child allowances, health services and education, said Amor. Other MKs claimed housing is also a key area that demands investment rather than cuts.

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Unless the Treasury keeps its promises on housing, made to Yisrael Ba'aliya on the eve of the budget's first reading, the party will vote against the budget, said Stern. He argued that pumping cash into construction and housing is

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request, Neeman urged them to realize that the hudget process is not a fight between two camps, hut said he is ready to consider any serious alternative proposals to those already on the table. "It's not enough to say 'I've got

where the funding will come from," said Neeman.

Responding to the call to increase the tax on cigarettes, Neeman said that would hit the weakest elements the hardest. At the meeting's end, Neeman offered to meet with the MKs

again, and bring staffers to give them a detailed review of the hudget

ers in the municipal taxation, information, land development and tourism offices taking part io the strike.

Salaries were cut as part of efforts felt the first day, he said, but it to curb Netanya's budget deficit, will be felt after several. according to a city spokeswoman.

Netanya municipal workers committee, does not agree and said he is oot willing to wait. Perhaps the strike will oot be

Residents of Netanya, which

because of student strikes regarding cancellation of school trips," said Tova Meltzer, a bigh-school English teacher. "We need to teach and the students need to learn. They have tests and [matriculation exams] coming up

am not going to do it again. It's the system's problem and the system must deal with it.

"Moreover," she asked, "how do you explain to a three or four year old when he asks, 'Why is there no [school] today?'

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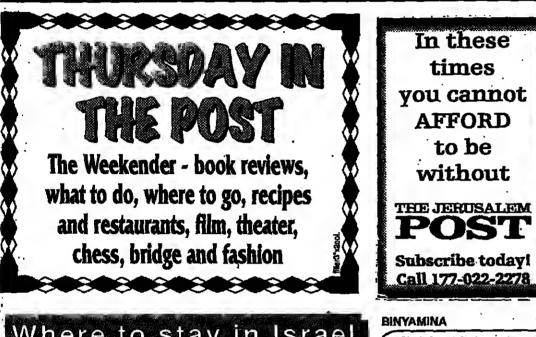
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# **Corrupting progress**

Union scandals threaten US labor's new and improved image

#### By FRANK SWOBODA AND EDWARD WALSH

WASHINGTON - Earlier this fall, with unions under attack in Congress, the AFL-CIO decided to check its image with a group of non-union workers in Baltimore. The answer from one young woman was not what they wanted to hear.

"I've seen all the old movies," she told members of her focus group. "I know what unions are all about

From On the Waterfront to Hoffa the Hollywood portrait of organized labor has often been one of comption and violence by union bosses and Mafia dons. Image problems are nothing new to organized labor.

But the spreading scandal in the Teamsters nnion threatens to inflict new, long-term damage to organized labor just as it has been showing signs of revitalization both within its own ranks and in public opinion. A revival of the old image of "corrupt labor bosses," union officials fear, could turn public opinion against them and weaken their influence at the ballot box and in Congress.

Three months ago, opinion polls showed strong public support for the Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service (UPS) despite widespread public incon-vehience. Labor had managed to tap into concerns over job security and part-time work.

When the Teamsters won the strike, union leaders were euphoric, hailing the outcome as the end of a dark era that began 15 years earlier when US President Ronald Reagan fired striking air-traffic controllers.

The cuphoria was short-lived. Three days after the UPS seniement, a federal elections officer threw out Teamsters President Ron Carey's narrow victory over rival James P. Hoffa and ordered a new election, citing a network of illegal financial schemes by Carey's campaign. Three key Carey operatives have

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Then, a week ago, another federal elections official disqualified Carey from running in the new election because, he said, evidence showed that Carey personally knew of the illegal financing schemes. Carey has denied knowledge of any illegal actions and said he plans to appeal.

Federal officials are also investigating the finances of the Hoffa campaign and have postponed the election at least until the spring.

UNION LEADERS insist the scandals will have minimal impact on their future political and organizing efforts, but they are the first to admit it won't help.

"This isn't going to take us off center stage," said Bruce Raynor, executive vice president of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees and one of the few union leaders willing to talk on the record. Raynor said he expects labor to continue the "grass-roots, in-your-face" political efforts that it began in the last election

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, in a letter Friday to the leaders of the federation's member unions, said: "Clearly, many special interests would like to see us fail, and political opponents are seizing every opportunity to quash our comeback and silence the voices of working people .... Now, more than ever, we need to be uni-

fied and aggressive." Privately, labor officials are apprehensive. Their major concern is that the scandal could spread to other unions that have been supporters of the Sweeney regime and even into the AFL-CIO leadership.

The presidents of the Service Employees International Union and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka, all Sweeney allies, bave

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been named in various court documents as participants in some of the alleged schemes that got Carey disqualified.

The more the Teamsters scandal appears to implicate other unions the greater the danger that it will taint the entire labor movement, reversing the gains that have been made in the last two years and fracturing the coalition within labor that led to Sweeney's election.

You don't want the whole labor movement bleeding all over the streets from this," said one union official.

Alan Secrest, a Democratic pollster, said Republicans and their allies will clearly try to link Democrats to the image of "corrupt union bosses" in next year's elections.

"One can argue that anything that lends credibility to that is damag-ing," he said, "One can also argue that this is old news and not salient in 1998. People have heard stories about compt unions before."

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSION-AL candidates certainly bope so. Under Sweeney, the AFL-CIO has become a major player in congressional elections and poured \$35 million into the 1996 campaign to defeat targeted Republicans and elect friendly Democrats.

That the scandals will be inconsequential sounds overly optimistic to R. Bruce Josten, a senior vice president of the US Chamber of Commerce, who took the lead in organizing 33 other business groups to mount a counteroffensive to the union attacks on GOP candidates in the 1996 campaign. Sweeney's success so far has come from moving labor away from the old image, "to craft a new image of openness and responsiveness.

If I were John Sweeney, this [the Teamsters scandal] would not be good news," Josten said. For Republicans, said Mike Murphy, a GOP media consultant. "there's nothing like a good oldfashioned labor scandal. Murphy said the Teamsters'

problems will fuel the GOP-sup-

ported drive for enactment of measures, including a proposed initiative in California, to require that union members give advance approval for the use of any portion of their union dues for political purposes, a step bitterly opposed by the AFL-CIO and its Democratic allies.

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The AFL-CIO plans to mount another well-financed assault on GOP candidates in 1998. But if it does. Murphy said, Republicans can now "really punch back. Look, you say, a corrupt voice is not a credible voice in politics."

A Democratic consultant who asked not to be identified reluctantly shared that assessment. In 1996, he said, the most effective response that Republicans had to the AFL-CIO's advertising camaign was that "this is just biglabor money trying to buy the election."

But now, he said, "you have not ust labor bosses, but corrupt, jailed labor bosses. It gets pretty devastating.

But while the political fallout for labor is uncertain, the impact of the Teamsters scandal on Sweeney's top priority - organizing more workers - is likely to be "minuscule," according to Richard Hurd, professor of labor studies at

"Workers very seldom make a decision [to be represented by a union] based on national events or images," he said. "They don't think of the national union, they think of the local organizer."

Hurd said that if the scandal spreads, it could distract from organizing efforts, but not enough to undo the benefits of the UPS strike.

The general perception is that unions are no longer relevant or effective," Hurd said. "The UPS strike did a lot to change attitudes toward unions..., It touched a lot more people than the Teamsters election.

"If you took a survey, most peo-ple would know about the UPS strike. If yon asked them who Ron Carey is, nobody would know." (Washington Post)



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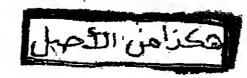
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# Japan struggles to cope with Yamaichi gloom

### By LINDA SIEC

Government officials, however,

pledged to do all in their power to

prevent a financial meltdown,

while politicians moved a step

closer to deciding on the politi-

cally tricky maneuver of using

public funds to stabilize the

failures were io store.

financial system.

Employees at Yamaichi, the TOKYO (Reuters) - Tokyo nation's oldest and fourth-largest brokerage, returned to work after share prices sagged and the yen a three-day weekend, some disslumped yesterday as investors gruntled but some resigned to its worried the collapse of "Big collapse. Four" brokerage Yamaichi Securities meant more financial

"It was my own decision to go to work for this company 10 years ago, and it was my decision to stay one employee said on NHK on." television late on Monday after Yamaichi's closure was announced by a tearful company president. Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, out of the country in Vancouver at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

"We will take all necessary summit, sought to calm global measures to ensure stability in the fears that Japan might be the next finaocial system," Fioance domino to fall in Asia's crisis. Minister Hirosbi Mitsuzuka told Hashimoto said that Japan's reporters as the Nikkei fell. woes should not be lumped

would like to make clear that Japan's problems are completely separate from those of the socalled Asian currency crisis," he told reporters, adding the world's second-largest economy could solve its own financial problems, unlike others such as South

Korea which have had to ask the IMF for bailouts. US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers also played down comparisons with the rest of Asia, noting that Japan has the world's second-largest economy, has a high savings rate, low unemployment and "very impressive" productivity.

But Summers, like US President Bill Clinton in a meeting with

together with the currency woes Hashimoto, stressed that it was limp domestic spending. Diaming other Asian nations, "I crucial for Japan to resume strong One worry is that Yamaichi's economic growth led by domestic demand in order to lead other Asian economies back to health. Yamaichi's collapse, Tokyo's third financial failure this month,

> Yamaichi copes with withdrawals, Page 13 Market roundup, Page 16

comes amid persistent concerns about the bealth of the banking, brokering and insurance sectors as Japan's real economy teeters on the edge of recessioo due to

failure - long-rumored but in the end triggered by revelations of offbalance-sheet debts, including possible illegal deals - could spark a wider financial collapse in Japan as lenders tighten credit lines.

The "Japan premium" - the extra cost charged Japanese banks to raise funds abroad - widened yesterday as the banks were forced to pay a higher rate for eurodollar funds; and analysts said it was unlikely to fall for now.

The Bank of Japan, moving as network, for example, might be a promised to protect Yamaichi's good buy at current cheap prices, client assets, said it had provided but added any final moves must 800 billion yen (\$6.25 billion) in wait until an official probe clarispecial loans as of noon yesterfies the murky state of the broday and reaffirmed it stood ready ker's books. to provide needed liquidity if a

financial crunch could prompt Japanese institutions to sell their shortage of funds arose. News that Yamaichi had hidden some of the off-book losses for buge holdings of US Treasury bonds, some experts dismissed such fears as overdone. six years and that regulators had failed to uncover the misdeeds have renewed criticism of Japan's financial disclosure and tional investors' financial position officials' detecove work, exacerbating fears that other failures lurk whatever firms might say. The off-balance sheer mess

Analysts said Yamaichi's retail

While concerns persist that a

parts of Yamaichi.

will not deteriorate that much that they would be forced to liquidate their [US Treasuries] portfolios," Toyoo Gyohten, a former vice finance minister of international also complicates the question of whether buyers will emerge for affairs, told a media luncheon.

Amid the jitters, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party moved a step closer to deciding on the ose of public money to help the financial system clean up its bad loan mess. An LDP source said a party subpanel was building a consensus on the politically touchy topic.

"I do believe Japanese institu-

Fighting corruption is key to Asia's economic crisis

VANCOUVER. British Columbia (AP) - During the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperadon (APEC) summit, Thailand's new prime minister needed to look no

further than a courtroom north of Vancouver to realize that comption is one of the big challenges his struggling economy faces. In the ski resort of Whistler, 100 kilometers from this Canadian port

city, fugitive financial adviser Rakesh Saxena is fighting extradioon to Thailand on embezzlement charges.

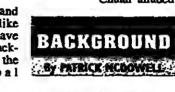
Thai police accuse him of a key role in the 78 billion baht (\$3.1 billion) of bad debt rung up by the Bangkok Bank of Commerce, which weot into receivership 18 months ago and exposed financial weaknesses leading up to Thailand's currency meltdown. The mid-size bank is believed to

have been a vehicle for money laundering and shady deals benefiting gangsters and politicians, though none has been charged yet. Thailand's legal system is often easily circumvented by the rich and powerful.

In fact, the bank scandal and the corruption around it are just the kinds of problems that East Asia" must solve before it can revive its faltering economies. And that bas long been the case in Thailand. Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai,

other 17 leaders that Asia's and Hong Kong. They have been spreading financial crisis isn't all the least affected by the recent turspreading financial crisis isn't all Thailand's fault

dominoes to fall in the economic crisis that has rocked markets



"It's no use blaming one another," Chuan said. "It's the task of each country to solve individual problems." But businessmen and economists believe the individual problems Thailand faces will take longer to rectify than the five or six months that Chuan estimates for turning the economy around, since they go deeper than curing budgets and closing bad banks.

How well he succeeds could be an indication whether Asian political and social progress can keep pace - and help sustain - economic growth beyond boom-bust swings.

US-based Motorola Corp., and of Deep-rooted corruption, inade-quate education, backward burcancrats, and politics based on the Pacific Basin Economic . Council, a regional grouping of : 1,000 businesses that met - of all bribes and patronage, not policy, places - in Whistler. beloed put the Asian economies in Chuan, 59, has a reputation for the IMF emergency room. moderation and personal honesty.

aigns. Chavalit, who won an election moil in Asia. seen as the dirtiest in Thai history, The corruption problem was resigned after 11 tumultuous

barely broached during official APEC meetings in Vancouver, but Chuan alluded to the topic in a

separate conference last week, said

that corruption needs to be exor-

cised from business and politics for

A cleanup would lead to greater

efficiency of investment capital.

with less being raked off into non-

Investor confidence would like-

"Business and politics are inter-

twined, there's oo escaping that,"

said Gary Tooker, chairman of the

ly be higher and slow capital flight

the next time things turn bad.

productive pockets.

Asia to recover in the long term.

lost more than 40 percent of its value against the US dollar. speech to leading Canadians, noting that his people want a The son of a food vendor and a lawyer by training, Chuan has a government "of more deliberate management style and heads the only major party in Thai politics, the Democrats, widely perceived as honest. integrity, transand pareocy

He served as prime minister from 1992, in the first elected government following a spell of military rule. However, a real estate scandal involving one of his ministers broke up his administration in 1995.

months, during which half the

country's financial institutions

were shut down and the currency

The Democrats are the favorites of the business and financial community but head a fragile eight-party coalition that could come unstuck at any time. Recent Thai governments have lasted a year on average.

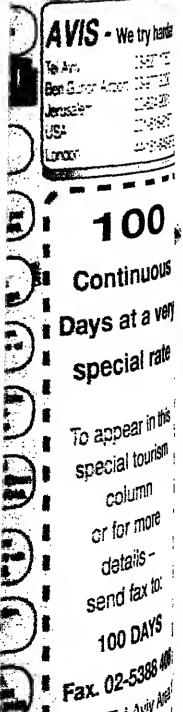
Chuan supported an anti-corruption constitution approved by parliameot in September, Thais demonstrated for it in Bangkek, convinced their economic salvation lies in cleaner government.

Chuan ooted Monday that the last time be visited Canada as prime minister, in 1993, the boom-



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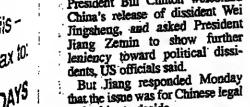
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successfully persuaded Iraq to end its three-week stand-off with the United Nations and allow **US seeks more China** gestures on dissidents VANCOUVER (Reuters) - US President Bill Chinton welcomed



authorities to decide. In a brief meeting with Jiang before a two-day Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit here, Clinton also sought support from Jiang in the UN Security Council for a tough stand against Iraqi over weapons pro-

grams, the officials said. The two leaders also agreed their

trade officials should resume talks on China's interest in joining the World Trade Organization, based on unspecified "important new proposals" from Beijing. US National Security Adviser

back in the country.

Yeygeny Primakov, who defused a crisis'between the United Nations and Iraq last week, warned against "comering" Baghdad. "While favoring strict fulfill-meot by Baghdad of [UN] Security Council resolutions, at

the same time we believe it would be counterproductive to corner Baghdad," the Russian minister said in Buenos Aires.

Happy Thanksgiving

throughout the US.-

"On the contrary, it would be of vital importance to give the Iraqi side the possibility of seeing the light at the end of the tunnel [on the lifting of sanctions.]" Primakov said on Monday in a speech to the Argentine Council of International Affairs on the second leg of his four-nation Latin American tour. Primakov flew straight to Brazil last week from Geneva, where he

American weapons iospectors, detail how much work the inspectors still need to do in each of the

In turn be promised Iraq to work towards the lifting of sanctions on exports, such as oil, which are linked to a clean bill of health on weapoos. Iraq has been under trade sanctions since it invaded "THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE

Kowait in August 1990. The 68-year-old minister, an Arabist who has known Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for years, said the rare diplomatic success was due to President Boris

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Yeltsin's "direct participation in efforts to avoid a military confrontation" and was "proof of the growing role that Russia is playing in world affairs."

UN inspectors, includiog Americans, returned to Iraq on Saturday to continue searches for materials or programs relating to Iraq's chemical, biological and ballistic weapons programs. Russia has been doing its best at

the United Nations to examine in

Sandy Berger told reporters Clinton had raised the issue of

"He said that he was pleased that

Wei Jingsheng had been released

and encouraged President Jiang to continue that process with others,"

At a photo opportunity with

Clinton before the meeting, Jiang

was asked by reporters whether

Wei, released from prison last

week to receive medical treatment

in the United States, would be

"This matter will be handled

He gave a similar response to

Clinton when they discussed dissi-

dents, Berger said. "Presideot Jiang repeated what he has often

said in the past, that this is a matter

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Russia: Give Iraq light at tunnel's end unit went on trial yesterday. He is accused of standing guard while colleagues gunned down about 65 Jews io Ukraine in 1942.

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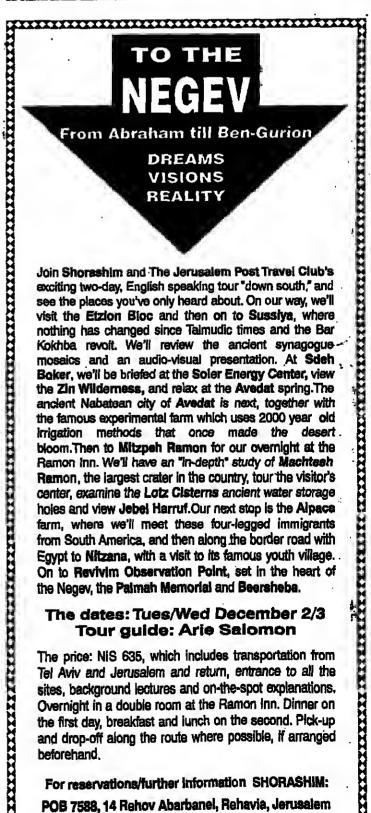
Ernst Hering, who turned 75 the Jews had been killed.

COLOGNE, (AP) - A former yesterday, is charged with being member of a Nazi paramilitary an accessory to the murders, an accessory to the murders, which included about 20 children. Hering rejected the charges, say-ing he aided in sealing off the village but found out only later that

In a global survey of corruption contrasting with his populist predecessor, Chavalit Yongchaiyndh, a former general who compared his failed programs to save the Thai currency to military cam-

ing Asian economies were the envy of the world. Now, he said, "Optimism and confidence are out and uncertainty

and gloom are in."



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Tran's new president is more moderate than the previous Lone. Who says? Even more to the point: Who says it matters?

"He is not more moderate," says Henry Kissinger. "I have seen no sign of it. He is more modern, that is all." Moderate, modern, pragmatic, fundamental - all are terms

loaded with "How does it affect us in the West?" There is a tendency to speak of Iraq and Iran in the same

breath, as if they are two of a kind. They are not. From a Western or Israeli stand-

point, Iran of course is a problematic state. It is hostile, fundamentalist. dead set against our value systems. But

it is a long way from being the Iraq of Saddam. Iran has a functioning state system and a government that mainly works. In Iran, the president steps down when his term is done, and the people vote for

a new government. It is a vote severely hemmed in by the religious camp and the Ayatollah Khomeini constitution, but it is a vote. The people do not hesitate to take to the streets to demonstrate against a bad economy, or too much religious coercion, or too much religious laxity.

Blunder alley

Iran is much more important than Iraq and it is a great shame it remains so isolated. It is the most serious power in the Gulf region and deserves respect as such. Its isolation is mainly its own decision; serious Middle East policy makers in Washington (or even Jerusalem) would dearly love to be diplo-

matically engaged with Iran. The United States' hostility to Iran was understandable in light of the Teheran embassy hostage crisis. But it was still shortsighted to take Saddam's side in the Iran-Iraq war.

The US got nothing hut grief from that blunder. Tacit US popular vote are required only approval of Saddam's aggressive to supervise, not to rule" the slour against Tran cleared the way country. ouclear, chemical and hiological agents in bis lap.

Overt American tolerance lulled Saddam into believing he could get away with seizing Kuwait. Thus the US chose the war, only to end up fighting against him in his second. In the current confrontation Washington and between Baghdad, it was interesting to note a commeot in a Saudi newspaper last week. The editorial was titled "From confrontaoon to cooperation." The subject was not a plea for rapprochement with Irao. It was a slice of generous praise for Iran.

Baghdad Bozo, Iran's new foreign minister Kamal Kharrazi was quietly touring the Gulf States doing some preliminary fence-mending with Iran's Arab adversaries.

The Saudi al-Riyadh commented "Mr. Kharrazi might be new to his post, hut he carries with him the face of the new policies of President Khatami, the face of optimism in creating an

atmosphere of open Column One cooperation." It is interesting,

because that might be the elusive first sign Mr. Kissinger among others is looking for: a shift in Teheran's approach to the outside world. Some experts have speculated that not only would the new President Mohammad Kbatami not

liberalize foreign policy, but he might actually stiffen Iran's outward-directed hard line in a trade off with the mullahs for easing some domestic restrictions. What we have seen in Iran's

quiet Gulf diplomacy last week is the opposite: a friendlier face to the Arab world, hut rising tension at home.

There are going to be oo easy answers from Teheran. The situation in Iran sends yet another severe warning around the world never to let right-wing religious bigots get their hands on the reins of power.

### Second guessed

Secular Iranians and Persian culture have lost so much to the mullahs of the holy city (Qom) that it is bard to see how Khatami could be any more successful than Ali Akhar Rafsanjaní in rolling back the losses.

Ayatollah Hossein Ali Moutazeri, once a leading light of the Khomeiní revolution, now runs an important religious school in Qorn. Not quite the reclusive cleric yet, he sharply warned the rabid Ayatollah Ali Khamenei this week that religious officials not chosen by

fort westernd businessmen ad " That will have come as news dump" massive arsenals of to Khamenei, who modestly claims to represent the will of God ou earth. His thuggish fol-

Or may not. lowers were quick to jump to the God-like tasks of ransacking secular political offices and the school of Montazeri. Khatami, since his ¢m. victory against a religious con-Little Rock, Ark. Also, that he, Hillary Clinton and the late Vince servative in May, has been houncing around Iran in a pop-Foster were close friends at Rose ulist pickup preaching a new gospel: "Iran first, Islam secbefore they all came to Washington, swept in by Bill Clinton's 1992 election. Not nicel Whispers are being So if the average American has spread that Khatami is less than any image of Hubbell, it's probably a true Moslem and may even be as an affable, drawling Arkansan, a buddy of the first couple, who part of "a plot by world arro-(That's the United gance." turned out to be a felon. The gener-States and Israel, of course). al public may have neither the time nor the inclination to listen to Moderate, modern, shmodern. Hubbell's apology. Unlike Nixon, Maybe he is,- hut don't bet on it he's not grand enough to seem mattering. malignant. And unlike Robert

Moderate, modern Asia's financial undercurrents

Fear that the currency crisis will worsen and spread dominates the APEC summit

### By DAVID THURBER

VANCOUVER - "It's like a disease," said Henry Kao, a Taiwanese delegate, with a shrug of helplessness. "Next it could spread to Hong

Kong, Taiwan, or even Japan." "It" - the currency crisis that has swept the once-vihrant Asian region - is the subject overshadowing the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit that began here Monday.

Kao said be hopes the leaders will be able to find a solution. "This time it's currencies, but

next time it could be something else," he said. But others in the region have begun to question APEC's boly grail of globalization and free trade, which have opened the region's economies to the vagaries of the world market.

The recent economic situation in Korea makes the people a little uncomfortable about APEC," said South Korean delegate Shin Chulsu as he listened to his country's president reassure Koreans in Canada that their country would recover - if citizens sacrifice together,

For the past five months Asian nations, once prond and confident of their economic achievements, have watched as speculative attacks have pushed their currencies down by as much as 40 percent against the dollar.

A region that for years was the darling of international investors has suddenly become a pariah for many. Economic growth has slowed, stock markets have plunged, and bankruptcies have increased. "It's a real shock," says kets once again.



Delegates from the 18 participating nations pose this week for a photo prior to the summit's first meeting. Some Asians are questioning APEC's holy grail of globalization and free trade, which exposed the region to the unpredictable nature of the world market. (AP).

Sudrajat, an official accompanying Indonesian President Suharto. "Our economy kept growing by about 8% a year for 20 years. All of a sudden it stopped," he said. "We'll be lucky if we have stagnation instead of a recession." Thailand has closed 58 insolvent financial institutions, while Indonesia has shut 16, including

one owned hy Suharto's son. Taiwan and other countries that have avoided the worst of the crisis worry that they too could succumh, while those already affected watch as the turmoil caused by each new vicom roils their marwill fall.

Last week the most recent victim became South Korea, long held up as a model "economic miracle" by the World Bank. Japan is also showing signs of economic distress, with a nearstagnant economy and the collapse Monday of Yamaichi Securities, its largest corporate failure since World War II.

The currency crisis has snowhalled as it has spread: as more countries succumb, investors who hold currencies or stocks in other Asian nations have sold them out of the expectation that they, too,

There is concern that these con-

tagion effects could spread; this is why there is a sense of urgency in dealing with the crisis at the meetings," said Philippine Finance Secretary Robert De Ocampo.

What makes the crisis most surprising is that economic prospects had been considered rosy for the region's countries, which believed they were following proper economic rules.

For years, high interest rates offered by Asia's rapidly growing countries were a magnet for foreign investors. The investors did not worry about foreign exchange fluctuations, since many nations pegged their currencies to the dollar.

The large currency inflows allowed the countries to grow rapidly. But some of the money went to cronies of those in power and to other unproductive invest-ments such as real-estate speculation. Many companies took on buge debt loads, expecting the economy would keep growing.

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But the region's growth rate began to slip about two years ago as inefficiencies grew and interna-tional demand for products such as electronics weakened.

The prohlems were especially acute in Thailand, Banks, speculators and other holders of its curren-cy sold their holdings, expecting it to lose value, and Thailand's central bank was forced to release its peg. Speculators then attacked other less-troubled Asian currencies, forcing them to depreciate as well. Weaker currencies can be an

advantage for a country by making its exports more competiove, but they also boost the costs of imported oil, factory equipment ind components.

Malaysia, for example, contributes just 15% of the value of the semiconductors it assembles from imported parts, analysts say. The higher prices and weaker domestic demand are expected to force Asian countries to cut their imports from the rest of the world. Some economists estimate that

the Asian turmoil will slice about 0.3 percentage points off growth in the US and Europe next year. Japan, which depends more on the Asian market, could be hit harder. But a significant worsening of the crisis, including a spread to other countries such as Japan, could have a far more serious effect. (AP)

The trouble with Hubbell

Hungry for cash, Webb Hubbell is out drumming up publicity for his new book, but if he's the link that can take Whitewater to the White House, he's not telling

### By FRANK AHRENS

WASHINGTON - Webb Hubbell wants to apologize. But does anyone care? Poll after poll shows that most of America (1) doesn't understand Whitewater and (2) doesn't care to. If Americans remember Hubbell at all, it's probably as a hulking fall guy somebow associated with the interminable Arkansas land scandal that may lead to the White House.

The more informed Whitewater fan may know that Hubbell, 49, spent 18 months in jail for bilking his law clients and his former lover, the Rose Law Firm

much wanted to hear apologize, even if they didn't believe him -Hubbell basn't become a linchpin for history. He already feels as far away as Bert Lance. And he's not denying any of this.

"I don't need forgiveness from people. The one person I needed to get forgiveness from, I got a long time ago - that was God," he says. "But I needed to apologize." He does so at length in a book released Monday: Friends in High Places: Our Journey From Little Rock to Washington, D.C. (Morrow). Whitewater junkies and conspir-

acy theorists might be disappointy the book. There are no shat-

from the No, 3 post at the Justice and Alternatives in Alexandria, Department in March 1994. Some of the money was paid by the Lippo Group, the Indouesianbased conglomerate at the center of inquiries into Democratic fundraising. At least one congressman has wondered aloud if it was "hush money" paid to keep Hubbell from singing to the feds about what he might know about Whitewater and the Clintons. Hubbell won't comment on the consulting money he was paid, saying that, even though he gave up his law license, he is still bound by attorney-client privilege.

So this book has another pur-Webb Hubbell, you could be subose: It is the most accessible docpoenaed the next day." He says he umentation of what Hubbell says he knows. Starr unsuccessfully tried to have the manuscript subpoenaed before publication. Finally, Hubbell had another

memories of his life. He considers where he works on issues such as the writing - along with the psyseeking prison release for elderly, chological counseling he received nonviolent, first-offenders. He is in just before he pleaded guilty to the charges that led to his imprisonthe first year of a three-year supervised release from Cumberland.

ment - to be his therapy. He is an emotional man who, in The Hubbells live with their youngest daughter in a reoted the book, admits to getting misty townbouse in Northwest Washington Both the rent and when he watches the film Brian's. Song. He lists gushing novelist Pat Conroy as one of his favorites. their daughter's education are partially underwritteo by Hubbell says be admires me way Hubbell's sister. If he has further Conroy writes about the South but legal fees, Hubbell says, he'll allows that "he's a little caught up in his father."

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Thomas O'Dwyer

Trade-off While all eyes were on the

tering revelations, no smoking gun, no damning details. A lot of people - including Whitewater indepeodeot counsel Kenneth Starr - think Hubbell knows more than he's telling. Some think he's the link that can take Whitewater to the White House.

Asked why he didn't write a tellall book, Hubbell laughs with exasperation: "I keep telling you: I don't know all!"

Of course, there is another possihle reason: Hubbell is still under investigation by Starr, this time for about \$500,000 in consulóng fees MacNamara - whom people very Hubbell received after he resigned

reason to write: The need for cash. Since he was sent to a federal mininum-security prison camp in Cumberland, Md., in August 1995, Hubbell's wife, Suzanna, has been the family's chief breadwinner, with her \$70,000-a-year job at the Department of the Interior. Hubbell himself, who made \$124,000 a year as associate attorney-general, now makes less than \$20,000 a year at the National Center on Institutions

has not heard from the Clintons or old friends Mack McLarty or Vernon Jordan since his release. He is not bitter, he says. He understands he is "poison." Now, he is, like any author, out

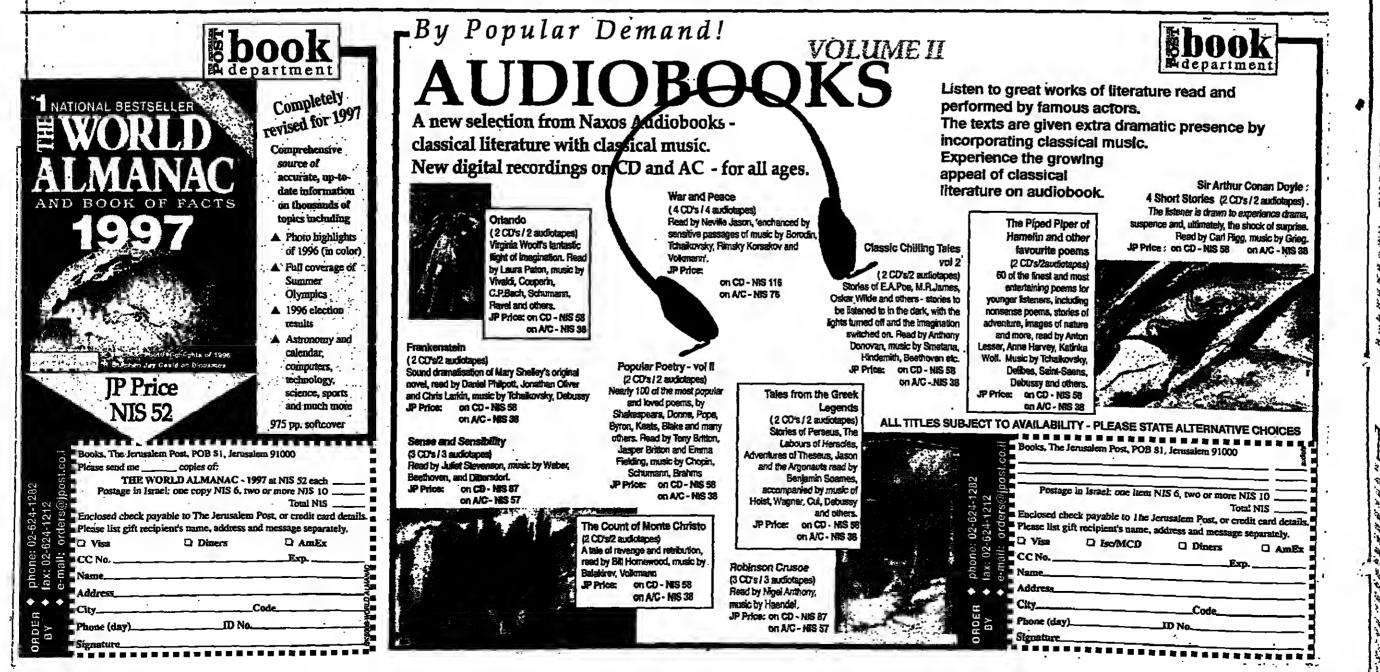
"No one will touch me," be says.

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drumming up publicity for his new book, trying to assure that it will at least recoup his \$400,000 advance. He recounted the writing process, which began in prison and ended with ghostwriter. "There was so much I wanted to put in," Hubbell said. "It's hard to condense your life into 400-some pages." Hubbell kept an extensive journal of his prison life and the

encouraged his son to play football. The younger Hubbell went on to be a star left offensive tackle for the University of Arkansas Razorback football team that won the 1969 Sugar Bowl

Hubbell enjoyed being The Man in Arkansas - star football player, Little Rock mayor, chief justice of the state supreme court, golfing buddy of Bill Clinton. At the same time, he felt insecure about his status and his income - his wife had come from a wealthy family and he wanted to maintain her standard of living. (The Washington Post)



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### ARTS& ENTERTAINMENT

# Sondra locks horns with Clint

### By SHARON WAXMAN

ven now, in her moment of vengeance, Sondra Locke looks vulnerable. Remember her? Her filmogra-

phy says it all: The Heart Is a Lonely Hunser (1968) for which she was nominated for an Oscar; Willard (1971), a cult movie about a rat; The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) with Clint Eastwood; The Gauntlet (1977) with Eastwood; Every Which Way but Loose (1978) with Eastwood; Bronco Billy (1980) with Eastwood; Any Which Way You Can (1980) and Sudden Impact (1983) with - you guessed it - Clint Eastwood.

"He's like the emperor," Locke says. "He always had his own company store. If you were in Clint Eastwood movies, you were in the Eastwood movie basiness....This became clear early on: people stopped calling. They automatically assumed I was working exclusively with Clint." Shortly after that, she wasn't working at all. Hollywood -Clint's Hollywood - swallowed her up and spat her out. Now she's spitting back. In her

new book, The Good, the Bad & the Very Ugly, Locke unleashes her Southern fury on those who failed her during her sink into oblivion: such power-friends as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, producers Richard and Lili Fini Zanuck, and Warner Bros. studio chiefs Bob Daly and Terry Semel.

But most of ber vitriol is reserved for the man with wbom she lived for 13 years, for whom she had two abortions (he didn't want any more kids, she says), whom she ultimately sued after be kicked her out and cut her off

without so much as a "Thanks for the good times, kiddo." The man revered as an emblem of grit and courage and make-myday machismo is not the Clint Eastwood portrayed in this book. The man Locke describes is cold

and self-centered, childish and cowardly. Cheap, Jealous, An allaround louse. "We have nothing to say. He has no comment to make either," said

Joe Hyams, Eastwood's publicist. His lawyers have written a warning letter to the publisher, William

Morrow. (The wort' is out that the media' gives Locke a platform at its own perit. Ensertaintien Tolign, can-celed a scheduled interview, run-ning a segment on Eastwood's new movie, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil instead



Clint Eastwood and Sondra Locke co-starred in 'The Gauntlet' two years after they began their romance.

none of them particularly nice. And Eastwood isn't the only one who may dislike it, Locke realizes.

"I'm sorry he is who he is. As sorry as people are going to be, it was far more devastating to me to find out who he really was," she says. "I loved him. I entrusted myself to him." The romance started in 1975 on

the set of The Outlaw Josey Wales. Locke, having won an Academy Award nomination, bad a reputation as an actress with promise. Eastwood was the star of Westerns and Dirty Harry movies

- a big box office draw. "He was more than handsome," in acting outside has a construction of the let it drop. He finally providented when she said the wanted to direct, and in the said the project at the said beat, low-budge for a low set she writes. "He was compelling." Just as he was about to look away. into the distant desert, he caught sight of me. I wasn't prepared for the way our eyes seemed to instantly fuse." He invited her to and then impulse.

By early 1989 they barely saw employees at his production company; she didn't like that he each other. Locke suspected he was tapping the phones. (He later seemed uncomfortable with other confirmed in a deposition that he people's physical shortcomings. She says he stole an idea of hers for his movie. When Eastwood was.) But she was unprepared for the abrupt end. While she was on the set of Impulse, Eastwood wanted to be rid of long-time partner Fritz Manes, he didn't fire changed the locks to their house. him, he ignored him and facally He had her clothes boxed and had an intermediery tragest Manes quit. It was the same sumoved. Panicked, confused, Locke-

another long-sending mouthers sued. In acrimonious depositions, Eastwood called his former lover But, as she says in the bott. "Clint was have Internet his "occasional roommate...for 10 years." Still, she settled when be seamed prepared to give her what ane reaily wanted: the opportunity to work. The linchpin of the accord was a deal at Warner Bros. where Locke would develop strips to direct." But after three years and a rejec-

tion of every script she brought them, she realized the deal was a vhum.

settled the suit in 1996 for an undisclosed sum, she felt vindicated; the deal came after the jury went into deliberations and seemed ready to rule in her favor.

After the first lawsuit Locke, now 50, had been diagnosed with breast cancer, resulting in a double mastectomy.

She is still struggling to get a directing project going, though she recently got the go-shead for a Showtime movie.

"People can say, 'He made her famons, he gave her movies." She shakes her head. "He didn't give me movies, I did a job. He didn't make me famous. It was never my fame - it was his fame. I was Clint's girl. I only stood to lose professionally. I didn't think about it initially, but three years in, I knew it. Certainly I take responsibility for it." Had she pured her own career, she goes on



of the muse

### **Geldof stays** quiet on Hutchence

Irish rock musician Bob Geldof has refused to be drawn into a row over the death of Australian rock singer Michael Hutchence. Geldof's ex-wife Paula Yates, who had planned to marry Hutchence in January, said her lover committed suicide because of the acrimony surrounding her divorce from Geldof. Hutchence, 37, singer of the rock band INXS, was found

hanged in a Sydney hotel room on Saturday. An Australian coroner said it was unclear whether he had committed snicide,

Geldof, whose fund-raising efforts for Ethiopian famine victims in the mid-1980s turned him into something of a hero in Britain and elsewhere, declined to comment on Yates's remarks. "I don't talk about these type of things at all. I haven't talked about this for three years and I don't think I'll start now," said Geldof. Yates, 37, a former British television bost, said Hutchence died after she telephoned to tell him she could not join him in Australia as planned because of a continuing court case over custody of the three daughters she had with Geldof.

Geldof acknowledged receiving a phone call from Hutchence hours before the Australian star was found hanging from a leather strap. Geldof told friends there was no argument. "He called up in the early hours of the morning and I couldn't understand a word he said. I just put the phone down." Geldof said that Hutchence had bombarded him with phone calls for months. Yates flew to Australia on Sunday with the child she had by Hutchence shortly after divorcing Geldof in 1996. Hutchence's funeral will be held tomorrow. (Reuters)

### Tickets on sale for Bayreuth Festival

The 1998 Bayreuth [Germany] Festival (July 25-August 28) will be almost identical to last summer's, with James Levine leading the rather vacuous production of Der Ring des Nibelungen directed hy Alfred Kirchner with some beautiful designs by Rosalie; Giuseppe Sinopoli leading Wolfgang Wagner's mythical production of Parsifal; and Daniel Barenboim leading Wolfgang Wagner's rather boring production of *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. The only change is that last season's best offering, the mesmenzing *Tristan und Isolde*, is replaced with the Dieter Dorn production of *Der fliegende* Holländer conducted by Peter Schneider. Tickets (DM 19 to DM 340) are already on sale and, as usual, are very hard to get. Michael Aizenstadt

### **Classical music at Jerusalem Cinematheque**

The fifth season of Cinematic Variations on Live Classical Music or, in its much more appealing Hebrew title Cinema Concerto, presented by the Jerusalem Cinematheque and the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, features 14 Saturday morning (10:30) presentations at the Cinematheque. A short concert and/or video screening is followed by a full-length classical music-related film. The series opened a few weeks ago and continues November 29 with the film Mr. Holland's Opus starring Richard Dreyfuss and Olympia Dukakis. Other films to be screened include The Great Caruso starring Mario Lanza, The Art of Singing, Shine, Madama Butterfly, The Art of Michael Ajzenstadt Conducting, and Don Giovanni..

### HSO presents music for the whole family

Actor, singer and director Eli Gorenstein, best known for his vocal impersonations of many well-known Disney characters in the Hebrew versions of the animated movies, was appointed director-in-residence of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Gorenstein will be responsible for the dramatic visual side of each of the orchestra's five concerts for the entire family, which began earlier in the month and continue in January. The highlight of the season will be a one-hour Hebrew adaptation of Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro, which Gorenstein adapted and will direct as well as perform in. Michael Ajzenstadt



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"It's so clear that people are afraid to offend him," said publicist dinner. Sbe accepted. They became inseparable. Eastwood left his wife; Locke Sharyn Rosenblam. But an Entertainment Tonight

moved in. He bought them a magspokeswoman denied there was pressure not to interview Locke. "After considering the material we realized ...there was nothing new in the book," the spokeswoman said. That's not exactly true. There are lots of new things in the book,

nificent country property, Rising River, in Northern California. They socialized with the Hollywood elite. Eastwood cast Locke in his movies; he called her "svcetie" and "princess" and

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She sued again, this time for fraud. la court, Warner Bros. Chairman Terry Semel said Lucke's inexperience was the reazon none of her scripts was approved.

Eastwood testified he'd been victimized by Locke's suit after years of supporting her and cast-ing her in movies. He said, "I felt it was like social extortion of a kind, blackmail." But when Locke

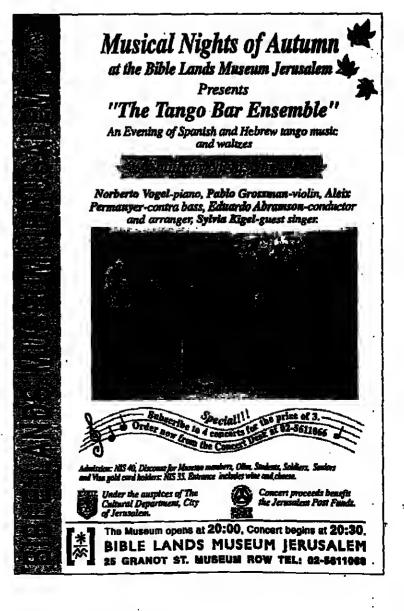
"I understood it would be at the risk of our relationship. And when I did, that was the beginning of the end," she smiles ruefully. "My greatest regret is that I did-n't cut my time with Clint in half. I wouldn't say I wish I never had the relationship, but I wish I'd ended it six years earlier so 1 could have gotten on with things." I feel like I've lost so much time." (The Washington Post)

### Noon concerts at the Diaspora Museum

The choral concert series at the Diaspora Museum continues this year with five Friday noon concerts featuring the Ihud Choir, the Philharmonic Choir, the Moran Choir, the Efroni Choir and, for the opening concert (December 19), the Yoav Choir. Each program is a combination of classical music selections and Israeli classical music and folk songs. Another series at the museum features Israeli folk music from then and now in which the audience can sing along. This series opened earlier in November and continues with seven more monthly concerts, the next one on December 5. Michael Ajzenstadt

### Rockettes kick up a fuss over contracts

The Rockettes, a mainstay of New York's holiday season, could trade their kick line for a picket line if contract negotiations with Radio City Music Hall falter. The world-famous dancers - who have been Radio City Music Hall's main attraction since 1932 and perform for more than a million people every year - have been working without a contract for six (AP) months.



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### Bernstein competition: No contest

#### By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Bernsteiti award.

wo years ago a new music competition was inaugurat-

ed with fanfares that for conductors and was a scanresounded worldwide. This was dalous affair. The list of 14 jurors the competition to beat all other competitions, a unique three-year cyclical event in which conduccomprised only two conductors, and the competitors were so tors, singers and composers commediocre that the first prize went pete for a coveted Leonard to a Japanese conductor who had worked with Bernstein but definitely did not deserve the prize in This Sunday, as the composition. honor of his mentor. Yutaka Sado portion of the competition reaches is a fourth-rate conductor wbo its final stage in Jerusalem, the should not have even entered the time has come to evaluate the actual necessity and, even more, the success of the Leonard Bernstein Music Competition. competition. In fact, the best thing to have done in that situation would have been to not award a Nothing could be more appro-priate than commemorating first prize. But such an action would probably have ended the competition altogether, so the jurors were compelled to choose a Bernstein's name in the land be loved most by an annual event that winner. They chose Sado, but we encompasses the various facets of were the losers for that. I wonder his career. Bernstein the conducif any of the sponsoring institutor, Bernstein the composer, tions, who are also responsible for Bernstein who had that very speselecting the jurors (such as the

cial love of the human voice. Vienna Philharmonic, the Los But what was supposed to be an Angeles Philharmonic, the exciting event, with a prize to

unequivocal. These two one-acters

are first-rate operatic masterpieces, each

capturing in a very short time the essence of

human behavior in all its passions, from

love to hate and rage to despair. But the

respective composers who wrote these

operas wrote other music as well. So why is

it that the rest of their output is not per-

formed that often? Discs provide us with

Mascagni's Iris is a sort of Madame

Butterfly story which lacks sincere charac-

terization both musically and dramatically.

The story involves a young Japanese

woman named Iris who adores, even wor-

ships, the sun. She is kidnapped and led to

the red-light district of her city. Her blind

father believes she went there of her own

free will and curses her, only to realize his

unistake later on. But alas it is too late, as

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bound by the competition's constitution. The IPO did not. When Sado returned to

ferosciem to conduct the gala mening of last year's singing connection, he was discovered one more time in all his mediocrity, casting a rather miserable light on those who had selected him as laureate.

The competition itself was not much better. Granted, the jurors were more attuned to the subject matter and the level of competitors was somewhat better, which is no great feat, mind you, but not much better. This time, the jurors' selection

was outrageous, awarding the Semstein prize to singers who lefinitely were neither skilled nor secomplished enough in the style the competition called for. Not one of the winners was a first-class dia seager and those who were

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a man a different story. There are the set finalists - six composers

each presenting a full-scale symphonic, some even choral, work to be performed before jurors and audience (admission free) by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and maestro Mendi Rodan. The elimination rounds took place earlier on, and the final will present the premieres of six new works, which are to be judged on the basis of composition, not on performance.

None of the competitors is a housebold name, but that is no problem; the purpose of such competitions is to reveal new stars. The jury comprises some formidable names, headed by renowned composer Luciano Berio. One can only hope that not only will the best work win but that the new works will be worthy of the occasion and that the jury will know

The first two Bernstein competitions were total failures. This year's competition may redeem the venture before serious thought is given to its future. In the meantime, may the best composer win.

### Operas that don't reach the stage

the success of Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci in opera annals is else.

Recordings provide us a glimpse of the Barry, CHS Mark 455261, operas that do not usually reach the stage. ! cannot blame any opera manager for not 100 million and 100 ha Boheme is a differputting on a production of Iris. Where is the end metter, Here, one can enjoy a direct hot-hlooded human pas-sion which fills

sion which fills Cavalleria? Where is the real love story? And where are the beautiful soaring melodies? Iris sounds like second-rate Puccini at best

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somewhat more lovely and much more sincere in depicting human emotions, yet it to

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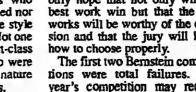
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cerity of Pagliacci. The music and the drama leave a lot to be desired by Leoncavallo's own standards, and even more so when compared to Puccini's Boheme.

Compare, for example, Leoncavallo's pretty tune for Musetta's entrance with Puccini's stunning waltz, which is a showstopper in Act II, and yon will at once get the gist of things. Puccini's is simply a better score and a better drama, and it leaves Leoncavallo's Boheme with no chance whatsoever.

This recording is a mixed bag with a great performance of the late Lucia Popp as Minu, a fine Rodolfo in Berd Weikl, and a solid Marcello from Franco Bonisolli. But these singers are not able to convince you that you should actually spend an evening seeing this opera in the theater. Listening to it once is sufficient (La Boheme. Heinz Wallberg. Orfeo C 023822 H).



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### A chance for a change of style

vigdor Lieberman does not like it when he is portrayed as a two-bit strongman; the political version of the bouccer he once was. His press conference on Monday, to explain his resignation as Prime Minister's Office director-general, did everything to reinforce that impressioo as he lit into one after another of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's rivals within the Likud.

Evidently, Lieberman is raring to return to his natural element, the struggle for control of the Likud party. It was Lieberman who masterminded Netanyahu's meteoric rise to power within the Likud: now Lieberman is settling accounts with rivals old and new. Clearly, Lieberman was miscast as a civil servant, who must transcend the role of party operative and help run a government that is responsible to all the people.

In general, newly elected political leaders often have difficulty switching gears from power-acquisition mode to employing power to govern effectively. The skills necessary to obtain power and to exercise it judiciously are very different, yet time and again political fixers are relied on to play the same role inside government.

Netanyahu, to begin with, embodies more of the characteristics of the campaign manager than that of a successful government leader: paranoia, a tendency to be constantly on the attack, and a preoccupation with power rather than policy. Lieberman seemed to represent all these tendencies in concentrated form.

With Lieberman gooe, Netanyahu has an opportunity to turn to people with more experience in government than in political campaigns. Upon coming to office, Netanyahu promised a government of "excellence." As the last yearand-half has shown, not only is excellence a difficult target, but even basic competence cannot be taken for granted.

True, the previous government bequeathed Netanyahu the difficult challenges of reversing. unrealistic Palestinian expectations and irresponsible fiscal policies. In broad strokes, Netanyahu has succeeded corralling the peace process towards a more sober implementation of the Oslo Accords, while at the same time pushing toward the critical goal of final-status talks. On the economic front, he has fallen far

the hudget is being brought under control, and important first steps are being taken in reducing government involvement in the economy.

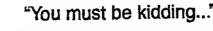
What bas most prevented Netanyahu from achieving more is not so much his choice of destinations, but the repeated mistakes made from lack of attention to the ship of government's basic mechanics. What would be so terrible if decisions were made with real consultation with a broader circle of ministers and the professionals under them? Instead, it seems, Netanyahu compartmentalizes, includes as few people as possible in the decision-making process, and then brings decisions to the cabinet to be rubber-stamped.

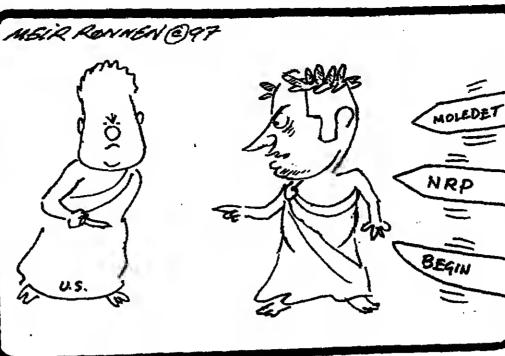
In the wake of the Lieberman departure, much ink is being spilled on whether he resigned on his own or was forced to resign, whether the move was timed to dodge an indictment reportedly recommended by police, and whether Lieberman will remain a force on the Israeli political scene. The important question, bowever, is not Lieberman's future, hut whether Netanyahu will jettison the style of government that Lieberman represents.

If Lieberman clears the legal hurdles before him, he could become a force in the Likud or within the politically significant Russian community. But no matter how loyal Lieberman remains, and no matter how dedicated he is to settling scores, he will not make a dept in the now dormant "revolt" against Netanyahu unless the premier changes the way his government does husiness.

Netanyahu needs to use the Lieberman departure as an opportunity to bring in people who can help break the cycle of lurching from crisis to crisis, and repair relations within his own cabinet. This cannot be done by working through some "enemies list," as if the problem were some disloyalty flu that is spreading through the Likud.

If Netanyahu brings in people who can help him introduce a sense of stability, confidence, and broader involvement in his decision-making process, the internal griping could well disappear. If Netanyahu is incapable of such a change, than no amount of Liebenman-style power politics will reverse the wave of dissatisfaction that has spread with each mistake made, each committee appointed, and each crisis





### **December pressure**

MOSHE ZAK

Why was Binyamin Netanyahu asked to specify by the beginning of December the exteot of the second redeployment in Judea and Samaria? And why did President Clintoo invite Netanyahu to the White House specifically for December 4?

These two dates are a result of the approaching meeting of the congress of Islamic nations in Teberan on December 9. The Clinton administration wants to avoid extreme anti-American decisions at this conference, which it aims to do hy creating a mini-crisis between Jerusalem and Washingtoo, or alternatively squeezing concessions from Israel for which the US will get the credit.

Netanyahu's visit to the White House will provide an opportunity for the White House's Middle East experts to leak to the media that President Clinton censured the prime minister. This would help the Arab rulers known as "pro-Westem" to take the anti-American sting out of the Teheran congress's resolution.

In fact, Clinton has already managed to offend Netanyahu hy his conversation with Shimon Peres in which he slammed Netanyahu, but his aides assume that by the opening of the Teberan congress, these outspoken statements will bave lost their strong impact. This is exactly wby there is no reason for the prime minister to go out of his way to visit America within the next three weeks. It is doubtful that by then he will have managed to finish the package deal concerning the second redeployment - the second and final stage until the implementation of permanent status in Judea and Samaria. What can Netanyahu promise Clinton. after the US president cast doubt on his trustworthiness - as Peres reported from Washington? Will the Palestinians really be sadsfied with a total of 35-37% of the territory, taking all previous withdrawals together

(Gaza, the six lowns and the Hebron agreement). after receiving the impression that Netanyahu is crumpling in the face of American pressure? And without no reflection of the courageous Palestinian agreement, will the hilateral links existing between Americans go on hlarning Israel for the lack of progress in the

diplomatic process? A meeting just before the Teheran conference will assure public censure of Netanyahu by the Americans. There are people in Washington who think that the US needs public Israel-bashing to get safely through the Islamic

On the eve of the Islamic congress in Teheran. the Clinton administration is courting Arab states by rebukes to israel

congress. But Israel doesn't have to assist those latent desires. There is no urgent reason for the prime minister to go to

Washington in order to turn the other cheek. Any meeting with Clinton should be held after the in May 1999. US learns its lesson from the pan-

### countries, and no week goes hy without visits from foreign ministers from all over the world. The feeling of isolation is subjective, influenced mostly hy UN resoludons, mostly proposed by the Arabs as part of their psychological warfare against us. They are

Israel and many countries of the world. Nor should we accept the date suggested hy the secretary of state as the last possible date for an Israeli-Palestinian agreement on the extent of the second redeployment and a settlement freeze (a freeze laheled as "avoiding unilateral steps liable to provoke the other side").

The beginning of December is a convenient date for Americans to combat anti-Americanism at the Teheran congress. But there is nothing boly about it. It was not a surprise that Arafat turned down Netanyahu's proposal for the size of the new deployment which will bring under his rule 35-37% of the territories. The greater the area that Arafat receives, the greater the temptation for bim to announce immediately and unilaterally the establishment of a Palestinian state. Dr. Amnon Kapeliuk, who interviewed Arafat, told me that the leader of the Palestinian Authority had told bim explicitly that wbether Netanyahu wanted it or not, he would proclaim a Palestinian state

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HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

y Canadian uncle had a blanket term for the gaudiness of American decor. "Chicago Reoaissance," he'd cackle, pointing to Corinthian columns smack in the middle of a Long Island splitlevel.

How my uncle would grin to see Petah Tikva Provincial and Art Deco a la Ahuza. There is surely more marble set into the new homes of my neighborhood than was once found in the entire mandate of Palestine.

Not too long ago, most Israeli washroom sinks had a loog green ruhber tube hanging crookedly from the faucet. They were supposed to direct the water, but they didn't work; the water sprayed all over your clothes anyway. Today the sky is the limit, and

even the sky sometimes seems too low. Poor and shabby has been replaced by bombastic and overdone.

When people began to install oversized sunken tubs, all I could think of was what kind of cleaniog brush could possible reach every corner. Today Jacuzzis are de rigeur, and the state-of-the-art home comes with nothing less than a sleek wooden sauna and a miniature workout room. Nobody worth their salt is without a private pool - and an antomatic robot to vacuum it.

Not to make the absurd suggestion that the average family actually soaks in its hot tub, shoots pool in its hilliard room, or takes sips drawn from its own wine cellar - just that most would if they could.

Glitzy gimmicks are not limited to the enclaves of the Israeli Dun & Bradstreet 100. Nose around the homes of contractors in Ramat Gan, and you'll stumble over laser television screens and statuettes of naked nymphs frolicking oo lily leaves. It has always been a standing joke that the richest house on the block was huilt by the vegetable sellermade-good, the fellow with the big wad of cash called half-affectionatelyge Balbideristrely: King Perozilia - boli mail ai waz But today the marriage of quick money and lack of zoning laws

> The country qualifies as a veritable

short of the promised economic revolution, but weathered.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FACTORY EDUCATION

Sir, - I applaud the reported iotennon of the Education Ministry to close down the Israeli Curriculum Center and give the schools the freedom to choose their own curriculum and set their own educaoonal goals. This would go a long way toward increasing the respon-siveness of the schouls to the students they teach and their parents. The teachers "unilaterally oppose" the move. All they care about are their jobs. True to form. they're out there fighting against

#### LIVNAT FOR PM

Sir, - I am thoroughly sick of the squabbling and backbiting that goes oo in that enormous kindergarten commonly known as the Knesset. It is high ome the principal (i.e. the prime mioister), although not the Likud party, was dismissed.

In his stead, I should very much like to see someone who bas sbown all the desired traits in a kindergarten teacher, and also those of a sensible, serious leader. May I therefore strongly urge the appointment of Limor Livnar as the new leader of the Likud and the prime minister.

EDITH DINAR

Bat Yam

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 26, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that three Jews were wounded, one of them seriously. when a crowded bus traveling from Nesher to Haifa was shot at near the Wadi Rushmich Bridge. The first death senteoce imposed by the newly constituted Military Courts under the Defence Regulatioos was carried out when Sheikh Fartian Ahmed as-Sadi was executed in the Acre Prison.

50 years ago: On November 26, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that two months to the day after its formation the UN Ad-Hoc Committee on Palestine

the best interests of their students, in order to maintain 200 part-time jobs in the Curriculum Center. Oozing syrupy concern for the poor, and passing themselves off as the noble protectors of the integrity of education, it is in fact they who bave turned the schools into factories, and the high mission of teaching into dross.

Kiryat Arba.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Sir, - My wife is a multiple scle-

rosis patient confined to a wheel-

chair, and I read with great interest

Allison Ofanansky's article

"Obstacles at every turn"

We, too, have been frustrated by

often damaged or too narrow.

(November 3.)

Ra'anana

#### Sir, - I think you might be interested in the following story. I had been suffering for months from pains in the soles of my feet. It was as if I were walking on hot sand. I had consulted two podiatrists and two dermatologists, but to no avail. In desperation, I took the liberty of phoning Judy Siegel, who listened sympathetically to my tale of woe. She suggested that I con-RAHAV BAR RASHI sult a neurologist, which I promptly did. He recommended a cream

called Zostrix, to be takeo with Tribenia, a vitamin B tablet.

I am delighted to say that as far as I can see - or rather feel - my soles are normal again. At least, I hope so. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Judy for her invalu-

THANK YOU, JUDY

able advice. MOSHE POSNER Tel Aviv.

### INSULTED

many factors adversely affecting the day-to-day lives of handi-Sir, - President Clinton is prepared to meet Shimon Peres but capped families. We find, for instance, in many residential and to not Binyamin Netanyahu. a lesser extent in public buildings, Whether or oot the American administration approves our choice, Prime Minister Netanyahu the lifts are ton narrow for access hy wheelchairs, that street crossings are either without sloping is the democratically elected head of the Israeli people. curbstones, or that existing ones are As a citizen of Israel, I feel

insulted. L. SACKER

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Alexander Zvielli

approved by a vote of 25 to 13 26, 1972, The Jerusalem Post with 17 abstentions the plan for reported that Israel had caudoned the establishment of a Jewish and governments abroad against the an Arab State in Palestine, Two adoption of any extreme deci-sions at the UN General delegates were absent. An Arab Assembly Middle East debate. State alternative plan was defeated 29-12. The largest maneuvers beld by A "special drive" for the "secuthe IDF took place in southern

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rity of the people" was estab-lished by Yishuv's Va'ad Leumi Life was rapidly returning to Mobilizatioo Fund. normal io Merom Golan and King Abdullah stated that his other Golan kibbutzim hil by Syrian artillery. Egyptian President Anwar army, the Arab Legion, would stay in Palestine to defend the Sadat had launched n sweeping Arabs. He challenged the Arab Higher Executive which was tryshake-up of senior command posts in the armed forces follow-

ing to establish a Palestine Government in Exile. ing the discovery of a planned coup.

25 years ago: On November

Arab position on the trad crists and, in particular, after Israel has proved to the Palestinians that pressuring Israel through Arab countries does oothing to promote their own interests. Israels have difficulties in free-

ing themselves from the mistaken impression that Israel is isolated in the international areoa. Even if Netanyahu visits the White House: even if he does not meet Clinton within the next three weeks. The fact is that Israel isn't isolated at all. No week goes by

without two or three agreements being signed with all kinds of columnist.

### A golden moment

**RUTHIE BLUM** 

Shopping centers. Baby clinics. Impotence clinics. Bank machines. Cell-phones. Cancer research. Sexchange operacions. Military operations. Rescue operations. And even a political assassination. A country with Mea Shearim and Sheinkin. A country in which

the lives to donate blood are as loog as those to the movies. A country in which the same guy

We may not be up to dancing in the streets. But surely we have it in us to wish ourselves a happy anniversary

who gave you the figger out of the window of his speeding Mercedes would give you mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if you passed out on

the street in front of him.

YET, a mere five decades after declaring statehood, we are in a mood more reminiscent of mourning than celebradon. All eyes in Israel are glued to any available television set, not with a sense of pride or joy, but rather with disgust and anxiety. Not with expectadon, but with frustration and

The Left, which had dreamed of experiencing another historical birth of a oation - the Palestinian state - feels cheated by the Netanyahu government. The Right, which had prayed for a halt The writer is a Jerusalem Post of the Oslo process, feels cheated

I DIS readiness OI Palestinians to proclaim a state even without Israel's agreement obliges Israel to hold on to the territorial cards for the permanent-status negotiations. This is the correct criterion for judging any American proposal on the continuation of the diplomatic process. Redeployment maps should oot be drawn up on the hasis of the dates dictated by the Baghdad crisis or the Teheran congress.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post

by the Netanyahu government. The Center, which had hoped for a careful, sane path towards achieving a solution to our political predicament, feels cheated by the Netanyahu government. Cabinet ministers, too, feel cheated hy the Netanyahu government. Even Avigdor Lieherman now feels cheated by the Netanyahu government.

But, given the history of the Jewish state - both in terms of progress and in terms of adversity to blame this prime minister for our national doldrums is to miss the point.

As unsuitable as he may be, Netanyahu is not the guilty party behind the sorry "state" we're in. The real culprit is human nature. It is human nature which Is responsible for our lack of historical perspective. And for our impatience. It is human nature that lies at the core of our inability to appreciate even the most superhuman of our accomplish-ments, while unabashedly bemoaning those yet to be achieved. Herzi must be doing somersaults in his grave by now. The Devil must be dancing a jig. Ralph Waldo Emerson said: When fear enters the heart of a man at bearing the names of can-didates, and the reading of laws that are proposed, then is the state safe, but when these things are heard without regard...then is the commonwealth sick or dead." If so, this is one safe state we're in. We may not be up to dancing in the streets. But surely we have it in us to wish ourselves a happy antiversary.

columnist.

### architectural Tower of Babel

has created such a hodge-podge of building styles that the country qualifies as a veritable architec-tural Tower of Babel. An average neighborhood resembles a fair of the future; everything imaginable is thrown into the pot. Houses recklessly combine all styles and all periods: classical columns rub elhows with baroque facades, Tudor roofs with French provincial floor tiles, Mediterranean patios with American roll-out windows.

Old neighborhoods cootinue some semblance of stylistic unity: Bauhaus in south Tel Aviv, Islamic arches in Jerusalem. Even the plain white box houses of old moshavim maintain a certain harmony of style, and look appealing amidst all the excess. But these modest homes are an endangered species; every day a hulldozer knocks down another to replace it with a ton of custom-designed concrete.

In a son of perverse reaction, one finds oneself nostalgic for nononsense water canisters on apartment roofs, for the exposed wires dangling down the sides of buildings, for brown water stains dis-

coloring the peeling beige paint. The misb-mash of building styles is continued outdoors in the garden: cacti pop up next to papyri, and pines stand beside palm trees.

Olive trees are uprooted from ancient groves in Galilee, to be transplanted in the sandy soil of the coastal plain. Israeli gardens, like Israeli homes, are a botanical bouillabaisse.

Amidst the cornucopia of abundance one longs to see a single cypress tree rising majestically overhead.

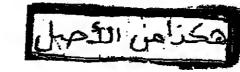
If the modern Israeli metropolis is an esthetic free-for-all, then encroaching suburbia is even worse. As it greedily paves over the fertile soil and magnificent orchards of the old Israel, the eyesores it replaces them with would be tragic if they weren't so outrageously funny.

Attending a housewarming in a north Tel Aviv penthouse recent-ly, my friend asked discreetly for the way to the bathroom.

"The loo?" shouted her ebullient hostess, glass of brut cham-pagne in hand. "It's the first door down the corridor. Just turn left past the Henry Moore."

The writer is an attorney and freelance writer.

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ago on November 29. all ears in Eretz Yisrael were glued to the ocarest available radio; all breath was bated as the UN votes of "yes" and "oo" were annouoced

and counted. And then, in unison, Jews both bere and in the Diaspora look to the streets dancing. The dream Herzi had lauoched in Basel half a century earlier had been "willed" into reality.

This Saturday marks the

golden anniversary of our

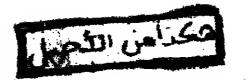
state's inception. Fifty years

This was so recent an historical event that anybody around with more than about twenty gray hairs still remembers it vividly. Even our extremely young prime minis-ter was already a twinkle in his mother's eye; while his babyfaced contender had reached the age of five.

So recent an historical eveot, that the radios which turned from pre-state to post-state instruments io a split second are probably not even considered Sotheby's-wor-

thy yet. So recent an historical event, that it would be impossible for its short aftermath to have produced a country which looks - and feels - like this one. Yet it did.

A country with technology and Iourism. With ice-skating rinks and golf courses. Gourmet food. Fast food. Fast cars. Fashioo models. Porn movies. Lamaze classes. Fitness classes. Body piercing. The synagogues you go to. The syna-gogues you wouldn't be caught dead going to. The synagogues you would go to if you ever went to synagogue. Gay bars. Sushi bars. Lavish bar-mitzvas, Bar-mitzvas at the Wall. A stock market. Supermarkets. A diamond center.



### **FAMILY MATTERS**

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### **Peanuts round** the campfire



Misaviv Lam'dura (Campfire Stories), a CD-ROM in Hebrew, translated by Hed Artzi Multimedia from the original English-language disk by Virgin Sound and Vision, for children aged four to eight, NIS 149 Rating: four stars out of five

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D rageous dog, the inven-tion of cartoonist Charles Schulz. He can also teach English, as we how to write letters about their

# When home is no shelter

One out of every seven women in Israel has been physically abused by a husband or boyfriend. Among them are Israeli Arab women who face special obstacles when trying to escape a violent household, as Allison Kaplan Sommer discovered in Tira

Tasreen is a bright, educated woman in her thirties, full of energy, whose slim, jeans-clad figure belies the fact that she has five children. Her smile and the confident way in which she expresses herself seem utterly incompatible with the horrific tales of the severe beatings she endured from her husband for more than a decade. Here, feel this,' she says, and

guides one's hand to the base of her back to feel where her tailbone protrudes, after it was smashed during a beating.

Nasreen seems so feisty and full of spirit that it is impossible to picture her as she says she found herself frequently - curled on the floor, as her usband kicked her repeatedly. Violence within the family is

of course, might have been more one of the most complex problems complicated, and the text couldn't for law-enforcement agencies and social services to cope with, and within the Arab sector, it can be particularly tricky. Arda Achlam has been on the front lines of this battle since the founding of the Center for Peace in the Family, which is in Tira, an Israeli Arab

town just north of Kfar Sava. Achlam, who earned her B.A. in social work from Bar-Ilan University and works closely with her Jewish counterparts, says that while it is common for battered women to be reluctant to leave their violent spouses, in Arab society, the prospect is particularly terrifying. They fear not only losing

her make her case. IN 1995, after nine years of mar-

> Then, earlier this year, her husband erupted once more, and

'We are seeing a society in transition,' says Achiam. 'Arab women are now going out into the world... A husband who expects his wife to obey him the way that his mother obeyed his father can explode with

won't accept this kind of behavior this is the main reason that brings them to a center like ours. For many of them it takes time. Many suffer for years, and what brings them for treatment is not their own welfare, hut concern about damage to the children who witness the beatings. Their kids start to have nightmares, or start behaving violently themselves." Given the women's frequent refusal to leave their spouses, the

center's staff works as best as they can to try to improve the situation, while keeping the family intact. "Within the Arab sector, there is a great deal of work with the extended families. Parents, in-laws, brothers and sisters are all called in to

help with solving the problem." The men Achlam has the most trouble with are the religious ones, who say that it is within their rights. as stated in the Koran, to hit their wives. In such cases, she sometimes calls on religious authorities to help

riage and nine years of abuse - "he hit me the fourth day after we were married" - Nasreen finally filed a police complaint, and was referred to the center, where she met with a social worker weekly. The workers at the center kept a close eye on her. For about a year, the situation stabilized and the violence subsided.



While it is common for battered women to be relactant to leave their violent spouses, in Arab society the prospect is particularly terrifying: The women risk alienation from their own family and community. (Nitzan Shorer)

ed the house to be 100 percent per-fect all the time. And family prob-lems – he didn't like it when I What's really initiating is that till According to the Knes she was 19 years old band wants respect, he has to give uttered any criticism of his family, today there is no external sign that especially his parents. And I was

this man is violent. He's so friend-

According to the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, in the 12 months from

October 1996, in the non-Jewish

sector there were 2,871 police

complaints filed regarding family

violence, among the total of 22,728

such complaints, a number which

is low relative to the percentage of

But numbers can be deceiving,

Second, she says, battered Arah

Arabs in the Israeli population.

be read out, but it would have reduced the risk of repetition and stimulated the imagination even Who Stole Hanukkah?, The Great Interactive Mystery Game. a CD-ROM for PC or Moc in Hebrew, English, Russian, French and and Spanish, by JeMM

By JUDY SIEGEL ITZKOVICH

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bolidays. Their previous disk, The Interactive Haggadah - which saw in Virgin/Hed Antzi's previ- : was very favorably reviewedoin ous 'disk, Snoopy Ve' Charlie this column and which I would a Brown Kef Lesahek Be'Anglit. prefer if I could have only one -Now he and his Peanuts friends presented the entire text of the teach early school-age pupils Passover Haggadah, plus much



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experiences in the great outdoors. Charlie, the schlemazl, and his pals Peppermint Patty, Linus, and

Lucy, sit around a campfire roast-ing marshmallows. The user chooses each character, in turn, to tell a story, based on which a letter to another -Peanuts character -Franklin, Pigpen, Marcy, Schroeder or Eudora - is composed to tell a different story. Each story begins with sight

gags on the screen when an object is clicked (such as Snoopy's ears twirling like a belicopter to make him hover). In the second screen, one is pre-

sented with a game. These include clicking in any of four directions to lead Charlie's paper boat through an obstacle course of wood, crocodiles and sharks; clicking on specific types of insects speeding across the screen (which is quite difficult); choosing an appropriate meal of salad, sandwich and ice cream; and clicking on a rod at the right time to catch fish and evade floating

garbage. In the third screen, the story teller asks Snoopy, who is peck-ing away at a laptop computer, to show the prepared text of the story, whose theme relates to the game. Line after line of Hebrew text is shown. One can select any of three levels to produce an easier or more complicated STORY. Hed Artzi, which offers a good

oral translation optionally read out to the user, should have chosen a better Hebrew font instead of the cramped one available. The user can then customize the letter, clicking pictures to vary the name of the recipient, the body of the story, and the salutation. Hed Artzi goofed by allowing the user to type his or her name in only in English; when it appears with that of the storyteller's at the end of the letter, it shows up in English followed by the Peanuts character's Hebrew one and the letter vav ( "and").

There is quite a bit of humor. When Linus says that one day he'll be prime minister, Lucy contemplates his "going into the Knesset with your security hlanket." When a fishing rod picks up a set up false teeth from the lake, Charlie suggests that it "might be useful to Grandma."

While the animation is captivating and the music catchy, the program could really have excelled by allowing children to type in their own open-ended Hebrew text instead of clicking pictures

additional educational material presented in a fun way with Ronni Oren's animated plasticine figures.

out of five

This disk uses plasticine characters interspersed with cartoon drawings to tell about Hanukka. But it doesn't have the same kind of rich, melody-laden, wellknown text to tell the story.

for ready-made variations. This,

Because à Hanukka "Haggadah" is not available, the developers had to think of another way to teach the subject. They chose a fictional whodunit in which yon help Nerli the detective identify the character, who has stolen the prize collector's item from the study of Prof. Croak (Prof. Yarkoni in the Hebrew version, a frog who looks like an overfed Kermit). The missing object is the same miraculous jar of oil found by the Maccabees when they defeated the Syrian-

Social Affairs Ministry and the Greeks in Hasmonean times. The suspects are plasticine charthe Women's League for Israel, acters: Narcisso the Greek statue: which also supports it financially Crystal the fortune teller, the everhungry Latke Troll; Bomba the pality fails to contribute its share. warrior clephant; Shlemiel the Temple repairman; Mademoiselle Menorah; Ora Star, lead singer of

the Candle Sisters; and the clusive Groucho Cat. help, and deals with referrals that The object of the game is to collect golden keys by successfully meeting challenges and entering different rooms in the professor's house to gather clues. One also has at the tip of one's

fingers an on-line database with information about history (including Hellenism, Antiochus, the revolt, hattles, the Temple, miracles and Hanukkah today), sources and "how to" celebrate the holiday (with hlessings, spinning tops and latkes - but not Israeli-style sufganiyot).

Not all users will have the patience to delve into the database for clues on finding the keys, but those who do will get a much more in-depth appreciation of the holiday. The player travels back in time to witness the main scenes of the Hanukkah story, while taking time out to play Hebrew hangman and learn holiday songs.

The very low introductory price made possible by a grant from the Jewish Agency's Joint Program Fund for "harnessing modern technology in pursuit of Jewish continuity" - makes it a real bargain.

While Diaspora children who have had little Jewish education will learn from the disk that Hanukka is more than a "Jewish Christmas," it will also teach. entertain and interest Israeli kids who take Hanukka for granted.

### frustration and violence'

restricted life, are pressured to

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THE CENTER for Peace in the

Family is funded by the Labor and

Tira Municipality. It is operated by

- often making up the shortfall when the cash-strapped munici-

The center, set up in a simple

building located a few doors away

from Tira's City Hall, helps

women who turn directly there for

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their own family and their commu-Nasreen took her children to a nity. And even if their choice is shelter. Her husband was sent to a accepted in their community, new facility in Ra'anana called Beit Noam, which works with batdivorce hardly represents freedom.

tering men to try to change their "Arah women tend to avoid divorce at any cost," says Achlam. behavior. After two weeks at Beit "To be a divorced woman in Arab Noam, he returned home and he society is very difficult - you have has not hit his wife for nearly three to live under a microscope. There months. is still a stigma associated with it, Achlam takes pride in the fact and most divorcees live a very

that her center has managed to put together an ongoing support group for battering men seeking help in changing their behavior. In Arab cities with larger populations, like Nazareth, they have not managed to do so.

Achlam says that in their hearts most of the men want to stop their own violence. They know it is not acceptable

behavior and they don't want to keep doing it." But when it comes to changing the men's behavior, "the problem is easier to cope with in the earlier

stages of the marriage, and the best chance for a solution is when the woman seeks help at the first signs of violence." LEILA, A young, slim, elegant

woman dressed in a sweater and slacks, rocking the infant seat that holds her sleeping baby, her second child, sought help much earlier than Nasreen. She says that when she met her husband, "I saw that he seemed tightly wound, but had no

vice that is offered. It takes a lot of idea that he would be violent." After a two-year engagement, Achlam says. "This is a problem during which she completed her that has always existed, and in higher education, they were more traditional circles, violence married. was considered justified to keep a

"Right after the wedding, there was verbal violence. A lot of

someone who was used to saying what I thought."

The violence stayed on the verbal level until about four months after the birth of their first child. "He would blame me if anything was wrong with the bahy if he got an ear infection it was my fault because I didn't take care of him well. And it started to get

physical - hair-pulling, pushing, that sort of thing. It was terrible, very insulting, completely humiliating and it broke any kind of trust or faith between us."

She immediately told her family and said that she wanted to go to the police. They convinced her not to, telling her that it would ruin their relationship permanently, so she chose to seek help from the

social-service agencies instead. Since she sought counseling for herself and her family, the violence has ceased. For the past eight months, "there has been no physical violence, but there hasn't been much communication between us, either. I'm not happy with my life." Changing it, however, would be very complicated.

Divorce is hard. Economically, I'm OK, I work. But in other ways 1 would suffer. My dream would be to live in an apartment alone with my children. But in our society it is impossible for me to live alone. I would have to move back with my parents and leave a great deal of my freedom behind."

ACHLAM SAYS that should Leila decide to stay with her husband, the center will offer them marriage counseling to try to rebuild their relationship.

Nasreen's relationship with her husband, however, sounds beyond repair. Even if they remain living in the same house, "I'm not sure if I love him or if I cver can." Unlike Leila, Nasreen says that she could "But today, Arah society is insults, a lot of cursing. Much of it not have foreseen such behavior in changing, and the Arab woman was over the bousework. He want- the man whom she married when

ly, laughs and smiles outside the house. Everyone who knows him says, 'what a nice, sweet, wonderful guy.' The fact that nobody besides me really knows what he is like drives me crazy sometimes." She says that he fails to come up with concrete reasons for hitting

warn the professionals. First, says "He makes excuses, such as the Ronit Lev-Ari, director of Na'amat's prevention of family viofact that I sometimes ask him where he is going when he leaves the house, he thinks I'm suspilence department, Arab women are far more hesitant to bring the police cious, that I'm jealous of other to their homes, fearing the reaction women. But the truth is he doesn't of their families and the community. have a reason." women who reach out for help

The main reason she remains is her children. She is certain that if it are usually in need of greater sup-

'Divorce [would be] hard,' says Leila, who sought counseling after suffering abuse. 'Economically, I'm OK, I work. But in other ways I would suffer. In our society it is impossible for me to live alone. I would have to move back with my parents and leave a great deal of my freedom behind'

was not for them, she would leave him "in a minute." In the meancounterparts. "The real problem we have right

time, she allows herself to fantasize torturing her husband, of burning him with hot irons, of choking him, "of hurting him so he can understand how 1 feel inside." Achiam says that it is not surprising that the violence occurs

even in homes where both partners are modern and highly educated. In fact, she says, that is often a factor in sparking the violence.

"What we are seeing is a society in transition. Not in all cases is this an example of behavior the men learned from their fathers. In many cases, we find out that the men's fathers rarely hit their mothers. But why? Because the mothers always blindly obeyed their husband's

orders and never contradicted them. "But Arah women are now going out into the world and developing as full human beings with their own opinions and point of view. When they take that into the home, a busband who is expecting her to obey the way that his mother obeyed his father can explode with frustration and violence."

Nasreen says that when her husband lashes out, she knows that what be is demanding is respect. But what her husband doesn't understand is that he will never receive it by using his fists.

"I believe that a person reaps what he sows. A woman is a person, a human being - she is not a piece of garbage, she is not nothing. If a hus- the country.

port services than their Jewish

now is shelter space for Arah women," she says. "We take Arab women in the shelters in greater Tel Aviv, but the only shelter specifically for Arabs is in the North. They need their own facilities because of language, but largely because of culture - they need counseling that can understand and take into account their special problems with their communities." She says that an Arab woman who has made the decision to leave,

often not only faces losing her husband, but her community and even her own family may turn against her, leaving her utterly isolated.

"Some truly have no place to go and need to stay in shelters for months, sometimes up to a year, far longer than their Jewish counterparts, who usually can find some place to go. The Arab women are sometimes more frightened of their own family than they are of their husband."

Often men accuse their wives of infidelity once the women insist on divorce, or it is offered as an excuse for the beatings, Lev-Ari cxplains. This can cause another problem, because women whose families decide that they have - or even may have - marred the family bonor by being unfaithful, may be in mortal danger. Such women often have to be helped to leave

Ruth Mason's Parenting column will return next week.

A portrait of violence • Between 1990 and 1996, 91 women were women is actually reported to the police; bringing illed here by their husbands or boyfriends. killed here by their husbands or boyfriends. 150,000-200,000 annually • One in every seven women in Israel - an

estimated 200,000 women - has at one time suffered physical abuse hy her busband or boyfriend.

 Approximately 74 percent of all domestic complaints are filed by women against their husbands or boyfriends, who are said to have beaten them or their children.

• Each year for the past several years, an average of 15,000 police complaints are filed regarding domestic violence. There is one such complaint approximately every half hour.

- Only one in 10 incidents of violence against

• In the first four months of 1997, there were 5,674 police complaints filed, an average of 1,420 per month. In the month of June 1997, 4,304 women complained to the police of beatings by their partners and 150 women were treated for their injuries at hospital emergency rooms.

· There are indications this year that morealleged wife- or girlfriend-beaters are being charged. In January-February of 1997, 1,463 indictments were filed, compared with only 881 during the same period last year. - Source: Natomat

### AT HOME

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By Batsheva Mink and David Brauner

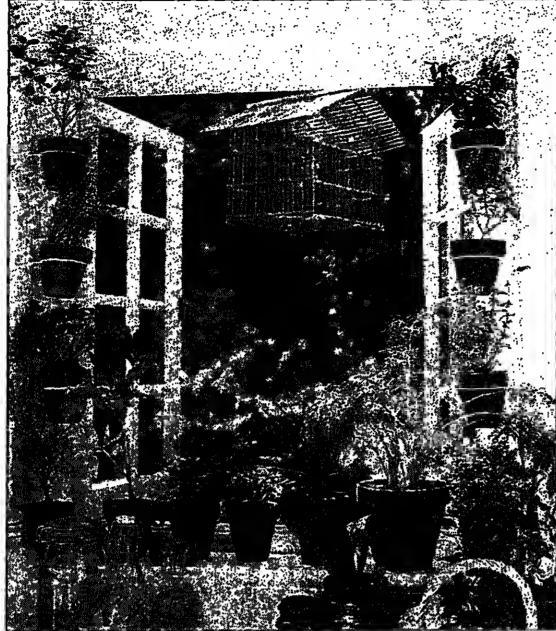
Plants are small chemical fac-tories. Many manufacture natural drugs and fragrances to protect themselves against disease and attack. The chemicals and fragrances of herbs in particular have well-known uses in medicine as poultices and potions, in cooking as flavor-enhancers, in cosmetics as perfumes, and in cleansers and our immediate environment as insect repellents and home fresheners. Herbs also have a long history in magic, mysticism and religion. Aphrodisiacs (love potions), aromatics worn against evil spirits (such as vampires) or used in religious ceremonies (e.g., in the havdala ritual) are all part of the love and lore of herbs.

An undeniable renewal of interest in herbs is indicated by the explosion of books and products on the market. Vast new health, cosmetic and culinary industries are thriving today on buzz words like "natural" and "all-vegetable." Herbalism is also teaching farmers to control pests in organically grown produce. As a result of the growing interest in herbal remedies, modern medicine and science are researching the specific chemical properties of plants successfully used in folk medicines or known in the past. For example, the spring plant "scurvy grass" (Cochleria officinalis) was formerly used to heal bleeding gums developing in late winter from lack of fresh fruits and vegetables. Today, studies have found cochleria to contain a high concentration of vitamin C, the lack of which caused scurvy.

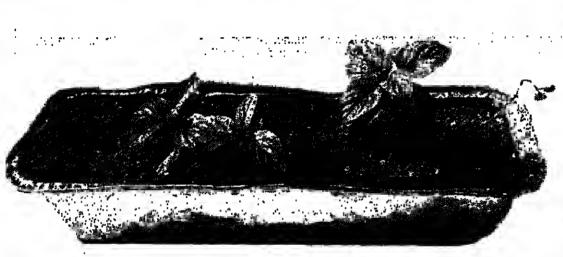
Mankind long ago discovered that the internal and external use of herbs benefits our lives. So our ancestors began to cultivate these wonderful gifts of the plant kingdom. Gardeners who grow berbs today, even casually in a pot or jar, are continuing a long and great tradition. Before ornamental gardens started to become popular in the 16th century, the only plants that, were grown in the European worldarwere npatches. of, herbs. s mainto for assedicinal purposesu? Today, no one would describe the majority of low-growing herbs as first-class ornamental plants. So if you are going to grow herbs outdoors, it is traditional to set them out in formal designs or patterns.

The simplest design imitates

# Growing herbs – any thyme, any place



Herbs can be grown in pots on a kitchen window-sill for easy access



ing tarragon vincgar or when adding flavor to salads, vegetables, meat, fish, as well as omelettes and tartar sauce. As tea, it stimulates appetite and is a natural breath freshener.

Rocket (Lat. Eruca vesicaria; Heb. gargir or ben-hardal). An annual also known as aragula, Italian cress and Roman rocket (because of its. popularity in Roman times), rocket has spicy leaves best used when young.

Buy the plants in spring or sow in rows in the ground or in window boxes. Sow seeds in successive 2-3 week intervals until midsummer to constantly produce young leaves. Rocket needs some shade. Cut the leaves as soon as they reach a good size, and pick evenly to encourage growth. Rocket adds a hot, spicy flavor

to green salads, rice salads and sandwiches. The flowers also make a spicy addition. Parsley (Lat. Petroselium

crispum; Heb. petrosilia, karpas). Parsley is perhaps the herb plant most associated with the kitchen. There are several species. The flatleaved variety is a short-lived perennial, best grown every year in September as an annual. The seeds germinate slowly, taking about three weeks, unless soaked overnight in water before planting to help them along. Thin seedlings to 18 cm. apart. Parsley likes a moist, rich soil in a full or half sunny position.

As a garnish, parsley adds special flavor to salads, soups and sauces. A rich source of vitamins (A, B and especially C), it is very healthy. Chewing parsley cleans the mouth and sweetens the breath. Chervil (Lat. Anthriscus cerefolium; Heb. seyagit mavrika). Like parsley in appearance and culinary use, chervil is slightly anise-flavored. Grown as an annual, the seeds should be sown at intervals from March onwards to provide a succession of young

plants. Space them 20 cm. apart and pinch off the flowers as they appear, to promote bushiness. The seeds remain viable for only about a year and should be sown as soon as they are ripe.

Today used chiefly as a salad berb, chervil was once believed to be a remedy for plague.

Chives (Lat. Allium schoenoprasum; Hcb. irit). Chives are a

Marjoram is a hardy perennial growing up to 60 cm. tall and producing dainty pink or white flowers in summer. Buy the plants or make cuttings in spring or summer, or grow from seeds in early spring. Pot marjoram does best in well-drained soil and full sun. Water well in dry spells and cut back after flowering.

As a condiment, marjoram is a quintessential ingredient in Italian cooking, sprinkled fresh on pizza or in tomato sauces. The dried leaves in cloth bags keep closets fresh-smelling, and as a hot tea it helps to relieve colds, congestion and indigestion.

Mint (Lat. Mensha piperita; Heb. nana). By far the most well known of the herbs for its refreshing taste and scent, mint is used as an additive in vast range of products from chewing gum to deodorant. A perennial of many species, mint spreads rapidly and needs to be restricted by being planted within a bottomless bucket sunk in the ground. Unlike most other herbs, mint prefers rich, moist soil. Give it a good dressing of compost before growth commences in spring. Because it tends to be a "soil exhauster," remove the clumps after 3-4 years and replant them in fresh ground. Pincb out the growth points of young plants to make them bush out. In addition to its fame as a healthy, refreshing tea and popular ingredient in many recipes, mint is said to repel insects if it is crushed

along window ledges. Sage (Lat. Salvia officinalis; Heb. marva). An evergreen shrub with aromatic gray-green leaves, sage is native to the Mediterranean basin, including Israel. Sage needs full sun and well-drained soil. A trim in early spring and the removal of flowers prevents "legginess" and promotes leaf growth. It makes a good low border hedge. Renew the plant every 3-4 years as

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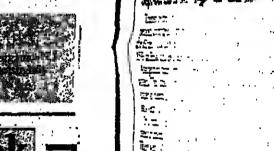


it becomes woody. Sparingly used, sage adds pungency to beverages and dishes. It helps heal mouth sores and, rubbed directly on the skin, it repels mosquitoes. Also, sage oil is said to fight hair loss when rubbed into the scalp daily.

Basil (Lat. Ocimum basilicum; Heb. basilicum or reihan). Basil comes in at least 13 varieties, with flavors ranging from aniseed to cinnamon to the aromatic sweet basil favored in cookery. Buy pot-grown plants in late spring/early summer, or sow seeds in pots for later transplanting. Basil grows well in containers in full sun, but take care not to overwater. Pinch out the growing. tips for bushy growth.

Basil is particularly good in tomato sauces with olive oil. A warm tea of basil averts nauseaand helps settle nervous tension.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: morrir@ashur.cc.biu.ac.il



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e rim and spokes of a wheel The berbs grow in triangles in between aisles (spokes). The central hub of the wheel can be emphasized by, perhaps, a clipped bay tree or statuary. Alternatively, you can plant small squares or rectangles of herbs. Place stones or old tiles between each patch to mark them off.

For the indoor gardener, growing herbs is a natural for pots and window boxes. They are casy to raise and add greenery, fresh scent and charm to any well-lit interior. And, of course, they are handy for clipping when you need them in salads or herbal tea.

To maintain fresh supplies, it's best to grow two plants of each kind. Use one plant for cutting,

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while the other is "resting" and can be propagated by division, putting out new leaves. Here are a layering, from cuttings or from few common, easy-to-grow herbs, seed. Replace the plants after 3-4 some natives of our area.

Thyme (Lat. Thymus vulgaris; straggly. Pick the shoots at any Heb. koranit). One of the most time. Fresh-picked thyme is best basic herbs, thyme is a pungently and, used in moderation, enhances aromatic low-growing, wiry-stemmed, small-leaved perennial. almost any main dish, sauce, soup or salad. Thyme has a calming effect when drunk as a tea. It may It grows best in a sunny position in any well-drained soil. This herb also be dried or frozen.

Tarragon (Lat. Artemisia dra-cunculus; Heb. la'ana drakonit). Tarragon's long leaves are highly years as they become thin and aromatic and have a slight licorice flavor. This perennial needs full sun and well-drained soil. If it is to survive a hard winter, plant tarragon in a sheltered position. It can be propagated by plant division, which should be done in spring. Use tarragon sparingly for mak-

ly onlog-mayored with hollow, grasslike leaves. This berb grows rapidly in dense clumps that need to be propagated by dividing them every few years. As perennials, they dic in winter and reappear in early summer. Chives thrive in full or half son in well-drained soil. They also do well in window boxes.

soups for a fresh taste of onion. Chives act as a tonic and are medically proven to belp remedy anaemia and reduce cholesterol. Pot marjoram (Lat. Origanum onites; Heb. mayoran). A native of Europe and Asia, pot marjoram bas small, pleasantly aromatic grayish-green leaves.

Only the leaves are used chopped into salads, eggs and

# The merits of ferrets

for the spaying and the neutering is clear. There are two members of

eeping wild animals as pets is not too popular in Israel, mainly because of stringent animal protection laws that largely prohibit keeping a wild animal without a special license. But in some countries, such as the United States, there are quite a lot of wild animal pets, and some of them find their way to Israel.

By D'vora Ben Shaui

The following letter is from a teenage girl in Tcl Aviv who brought her wild pets with her when she returned from a stay in the US. In this case, the pets are ferrets, a domesticated breed of the wild polecat.

"When I came home," she writes, "I brought my two tame femets with me. I had to get an import permit, which they would not grant me unless I had the female spayed and the male neutered. I had really wanted to breed them. I do not understand why they have passed such a cruel law. I would also like to know if there are any veterinarians who have experience with ferrets."

The ferrets this teenager brought from the US are a local North American variety that is not found in Israel. Since ferrets breed prolifically and sometimes escape and become feral - that is, assume that any veterinarian who live free in the wild - the rationale

the greater weasel family in Israel - the marbled polecat, found mostly in the Galilee and the inland valleys, and the beech marten, found in the Galilee and around Jerusalem. Both are fairly rare, so there is good reason to fear that the introduction, however accidental, of a competing member of the weasel group might bring about the extinction of these two native species." Therefore, the law is not meant to be cruel but to protect our unique indigenous wildlife.

I can understand this girl's attachment to her ferrets, though, and the desire to breed them. Ferrets are simply delightful pets. They are beautiful, clever and, if raised and handled properly, very tame and affectionate. Since keeping either native of this family is illegal without a license from the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, a number of people have brought tame ferrets back to Israel. Some have been imported and sold in pet shops, usually at very high prices. In all cases that I know of, the ferrets have been spayed or neutered. Certainly all European- and American-trained veterinarians have had some experience with

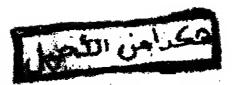
Beautiful and clever, ferrets make delightful pets

ferrets, as have those at the major zoos. Since the care of ferrets is similar to that of cats, I would deals largely with cats would be

able to handle ferret problems. I do not have any special com-ments regarding ferret care except to warn that meat which has been made kosher - i.e., soaked with salt before packing -to stok with salt before packing -is definitely not good for them. It is definitely not good for them. It is too high in sodium, which can cause kidney problems. It's best to stok with fresh chicken or pet stores.

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### **BUSINESS&FINANCE** Neeman: Unemployment is MARKETS number-one national problem

### July-September industrial production increases 6%

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### By DAVID HARRIS

Unemployment is the major problem facing the Israeli economy today, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman declared yesterday.

Speaking to members of the Knesset social caucus, Neeman said increasing the state budget is the last thiog that should be done, and that fiscal prudence will eventually generate job opportunities. "Unemployment is the number one problem in Israel today," said

the minister. "To achieve a solution there must be a reduction in government expeoditure, to allow

causiog higher unemployment by "destroying the peace process," predicted unemployment will reach an average 8.5% next year. On Monday the Central Bureau of and by pursuing the tight monetary policy of the central bank. Statistics announced third-quarter unemployment was 8.1%, the "A continuance of this Bank of highest rate in three-and-a-half Israel policy will cause untold years. In Fefferman's opinion, the damage to the economy and to obless total will hover around the Israeli society," added Shohat. .2% mark in the first few months Meanwhile, industrial production, excluding diamonds, grew at of next year and then begin rise

an annual rate of 6% in the third finance minister quarter, according to data pub-Avraham Shohat (Labor) yesterlished yesterday by the CBS. The day accused the government of figures show little change from the

sector's performance in the second quarter, but are up on the 3% growth rate between January and March.

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The statistical information also points to an annual 3% increase in the total number of bours worked during the third quarter. This follows a 2.5% rise in the second quarter and 1% in the first three months of the year. During the first oine months there was no change io the number of industrial employees.

**Panel: Cap bank** handling of funds

By DAN GERSTENFELD, DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

A Knesset subcommittee on insurance yesterday asked the govemment to amend the Provident Funds bill so as to establish new rules regarding the role of banks.

There was cross-party support for the proposal from subcommittee chairman Michael Kleiner (Gesher), and it is understood from government sources that the scheme has the backing of Supervisor of Banks Zeev Abeles, Sopervisor of Insurance Doron Sborer and Antitrust Authority Director General David Tadmor.

Kleiner said that while ownership and management of the funds should be left to the banks, the funds should be required to estab-lish ways of depositing and investing members' capital through interbank tenders, so as to increase competition, Kleiner said.

There are foreign banks that have. expressed interest in managing funds, if they were taken out of the hands of domestic banks, said economist Avi Ben-Bassat

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said this week that it was wrong for provident funds to be

held by the banks. He urged

Most provident funds are held by

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been that most funds tend to invest

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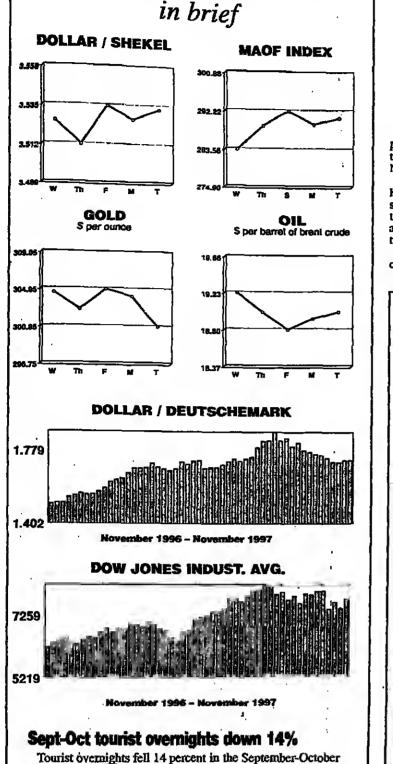
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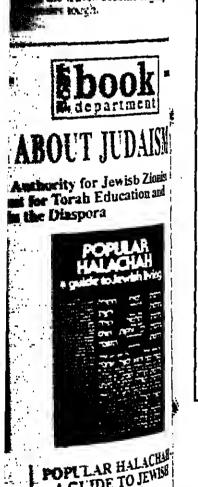
period, compared with the same months last year, according to the Hotels Association. The decline was by 20% in Jerusalem, 15% in Eilat and the final Sea, and 9% in Tel Aviv. Altogether, there were 1.17 million tourist overnights at 1 hotels. The statistics are given for two months together in : order to ocutralize the effect of the High Holy Days, which s year fell in October, but in 1996 occ In contrast to the trough in incoming tourism, the growth trend in internal tourism continued over the holiday period. There were 1.47 million overnights by Israelis, 20% up in. comparison with the corresponding period last year. The most positive trends in Israeli overnights were at the Dead Sea, op 79%, following coosiderable expansioo in the oumber of botel rooms io the area; at Eilat, up 17%; Jerusalem, up 15%; and Tel Aviv, up 12%. Globes

the private sector to create workplaces.' Neeman told the MKs he refuses point blank to impose any tax on employers, the result of which is even higher unemployment. won't be a part of that," he said Labor and Social Affairs

Ministry senior planning economist Benny Fefferman yesterday

once again. Former

"Customs and VAT Authority-director Motti Ayalon (second from left) and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman (third from left) "speak with authority employees at a ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday that honored outstanding workers. (Roni Ne'eman)



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### Tadiran Scopus gets a \$1m. order

Tadiran Scopus said yesterday that it has signed a contract with Pramer Argentina to supply a large digital transmission system worth \$1 million.

The company said that the contract was in addition to a previously signed order in which Tadiran will supply Pramer with 10 satellite gathering units.

Tadiran Scopus develops, manufactures and markets a full line of digital compression equipment and systems. In a statement, Ovadia Choen, the company's vice president for marketing, said that "this is a major contract for Tadiran Scopus and a recognition of the excellence of our products and definitely positions us as a major force in the growing satellite transmission business."

Dan Gerstenfeld

### Clal's third-quarter profits surge to NIS 25.1m

Clal Israel, the country's second largest conglomerate, reported yesterday that net earnings rose sharply in the third-quarter to NIS 25.1 million, from NIS 1.7m. a year ago. In the first nine months of the year, net earnings totaled NIS 85.9m compared with NIS 120.1m. in the corresponding period of 1996.

Celebrating good work

Special write-offs and capital lish its results gains amounted in the first nine months to a loss of NIS 22.1m. compared with a loss of NIS 5m. a year-ago. In a statement, the company said that the net amount of special write-offs is comprised mainly of provisions for losses in Clal Trading, write-offs in Clal Industries and from the reorganization plan of the group.

Total group assets amounted NIS 22.9b. as of September 30 compared to NIS 21.8b. during the equivalent period in 1996. The First International Bank

of Israel reported yesterday that

third-quarter net earnings rose gate financial margin. 19.3 percent to NIS 70.3m., from Operating and other income was NIS 58.9m. a year ago. NIS 395.1m., compared with NIS In the first nine months of the year 345.1m. in the same period last net earnings rose 21.2%, to NIS year. The bank said that the

171.8m. from NIS 141.7m. a year ago. The First CANAL CONTRACTOR OF A REAL RESULTS International Bank

By DAN GERSTENFELD

among the five large Israeli banks and its earning reports usually indicate what can be expected from the others.

The bank said that earnings from financing operations, before provision for doubtful debts, rose 10.3% in the first nine months, to NIS 70.3m. compared with NIS 578.9m. at the same period last year.

The bank, which is controlled by the Safra family of Brazil, said the increase mainly resulted from an 18% growth in the volume of financing activity, offsetting the effect of the erosion in the aggre-

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growth in income from securities activity resulting . from the rise in trading turnover and prices in the capital market. In addition, the bank said that a

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notable increase was recorded in commission income from foreign currency and credit card activity. The provision for doubtful debts amounted to NIS 55.5m., in the first nine months versus NIS 12.2m, in

the same period last year. Total assets on September 30 amounted to NIS 38.1b. against NIS 30.5b. a year earlier. Credit to the public rose 11.7%, to NIS 24.4b. from NIS 22b. at the end of 1996. Blue Square reported yesterday

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman that oet income in the third-quarter to attend to the issue immediately fell to NIS 28.9m., from NIS after the budget passes. 30.1m. a year ago. During the first nine mooths of the year, net the big banks. In the past the banks have been accused of not doing income rose slightly 10 NIS 79.6m., from NIS 79.4m. in the enough to maintain a separation same period in 1996. between fund activities and bank

The sales of the supermarket chain rose 13.9%, to NIS 1.32b., from NIS 1.16b. at the equivalent period in 1996. In the first nine months sales rose slightly, to NIS 3.6b. compared with NIS 3.3b. a year ago.

Operating income climbed 11.5% in the last quarter, to NIS 55.7m., from NIS 50m. at the third-quarter last year.

In a statement, the company said that in the first nine mooths of the year it had opened 20 new branch-

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Returning all customers' assets is

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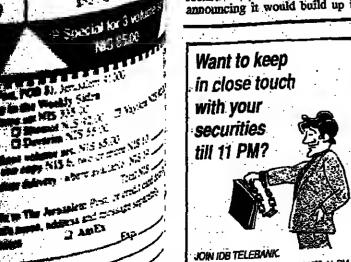
### Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi ready to rid itself of bad loans

A GLIDE TO JEWISS Mitsubishi Ltd., the world's biggest bank, said yesterday it plunged 913.2 billion yeo (\$7.18 billion) into the red during the half-year ended September 30 to wipe its books of 1.1 trillion yen in bad loans. Analysts said it's the first

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Japanese bank to practically rid itself of bad loans, which piled up this decade with the collapse of the country's real estate market. The half-year net loss was more

than Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi forecast in September, when it rocked the banking industry by announcing it would build up its



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TOKYO - Bank of Tokyo- reserves to cover more than 100 percent of its bad loans.

That was to satisfy new government rules, which take effect next April, making banks take a harder look at their balance sheets and write off all the loans they think could go bad.

The bank's announcement helped ignite a write-off frenzy that resulted in 13 of the country's 19 biggest lenders saying they would also go into the red in the half or full year to dispose of bad loans.

"Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi definitely sparked a trend," said Elizabeth Daniels, executive director at Morgan Stanley Japan Ltd. "They raised the bar, so everyone else had to fall in line to a certain extent."

Of the nine mouey-center banks that announced half-year results in recent days, only Tokai Bank Ltd. said it would stay out of the red this year. Japanese banks are struggling to clear what the gov-ernment estimates is 27.9 trillion yen in bad loans from their books. That will put them in a better position to cope with financial deregulation measures that will heighten competition between banks, brokers and insurers during the next few years.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi said it had 1.051 trillion yen worth of bad loans as of September 30.

Bad loans are those on which ioterest payments have been lowered below Japan's 0.5 percent discount rate, loans on which no interest payments have been made for more than six months and those made to bankrupi companies.

The bank also said it had 249 billion yen in "assistance loans" to companies for which it is providing financial assistance. It said it was spending 201.1 billion yen to help its affiliate Nippon Trust Bank Ltd., the smallest of Japan's seven trust banks.

Nippon Trust said yesterday it had a 202.6 billion yen current loss in the half-year to write off bad loans, leaving it with a negative capital balance. The must bank said it expected to recover in the full year with the help of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi said it expected a currect loss of 730 billion yen and a net loss of 750 billion yen in the full year. Profits from its core business - or operatiog profits were in line with expectations, the bank said. Tokyo-Mitsubishi had 226.8 billion yen in operating profits for the half-year, and it forecast 470 billion yen in operating profits for the full year ending March 31, 1998.

Bank of Tokyo-Milsubishi shares fell 90 yen to 1,780. (Bloomberg)

### Yamaichi Securities copes with customers' withrawal demands Tokyo - A1 the Yamaichi Securities Co. Ohternachi branch in downtown Tokyo, 80 customers

lined up outside this afternoon while twice as many inside tried to get back their stocks, bonds and cash. The branch closed three hours early after saying the orders had overwhelmed its computer. Employees handed out printed forms customers could fill out so the processing could continue by hand. "I started an account with

Yamaichi because 1 felt safe with such a well-known name," said Yuko Fuse, a clerical worker in a trading company nearby who bought into a mutual fund three years ago. "It just never occurred to me that such a big name, a company with such a long history, could go under."

Yamaichi ended 100 years of history yesterday when it said it would close, dogged by years of losses, a scandal over paying blackmail to a gangster and hiding \$2.6 billion in losses.

It was the same story around Tokyo as customers lined up to get their \$188 billion worth of stocks, bonds and money back.

By mid morning, Yamaichi customers ordering the brokerage to sell their shares in mutual funds accounted for as many as 40 million

shares in 700 companies being dumped, traders said.

The benchmark stock index fell 5 percent as investors worried about the health of other brokerages, also tainted by scandal, and banks that have piled up at least a quarter of a trillion dollars' worth of bad loans.

"At this point, we're unable to even guess how many cancelations we'll receive today, or how many such orders have come in up to now," said Hiroshi Enda, a senior equity fund manager at Yamaichi Investment Trust, a unit of Yamaichi.

Calls to Yamaichi's head office provide for Japan's rapidly aging

population

The line of customers at Yamaichi's Ohtemachi branch waiting to cancel their accounts or get back cash from margin accounts stretched 30 yards inside the mall where the branch is housed.

A security guard said the traffic was "many times" more than usual. Yamaichi, Japan's fourth-largest brokerage, had 6.5% of the trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the world's second-largest. While that share has slipped to 6% because of the gangster scandal, it still repre-sents billions of dollars' worth of stocks bought for customers.

Other big brokers like Nomura Securities Co., which are good at selliog stocks to small investors, are likely to pick up much of the business. That's because many small Japanese brokerages are ailing and foreign brokers deal mostly with big institutional customers.

Nomura and the others will be going after people like Miki Tanabe, who also works at the trading company nearby and has a mutual fund account at Yamaichi. They may have a hard time getting her to trust them more than a bank or the savings account the Japanese post office offers.

(Bloomberg)



Customers line-up outside Yamaichi Securities Co., yesterday. (AP) went unanswered. Japan made good **BUSINESS&FINANCE** 

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# From the outside, looking in

The trading activities of company insiders can shed light on future stock prices but don't forget to examine all the possible motives behind their maneuvers.

### By NEIL COHEN

couple of years agn a friend of mine owned a small amount of stock in a privately held start-up company. The company had interesting technology, but my friend wasn't overly confident in its business prospects. One of the main financiers back-

ing the company approached my friend, an almost completely passive shareholder, with an unsolicited offer to buy some of his stock at a price that represented a very substantial profit for my friend. My friend felt there had to be catch but decided, with his eyes wide open, to take the money (he didn't sell all his stock).

Some months later, the company, whose prospects were still unclear, managed to complete an initial public offering at a price substantially higher than the financier had paid my friend (who made yet more profit on his remaining shares)

Conversely, there have been plenty of instances where insiders from higb-priced Israeli companies sell large amounts of stock, and significant downturns in business occur, with consequent sharp falls in share price. Good examples include Sapiens (before its recent turnaround) and Netmanage.

There is oothing wrong with insiders selling stock, they must simply share price-sensitive information with the rest of the market.

insiders generally knnw better than anyone what is goiog on at their company, and therefore are in the best position to predict the direction of the stock price. Hence it can pay to watch what company insiders are doing - buying or sell-ing their nwn stock - looking at their possible motives, and then acting accordingly. This isn't, I would hasten th add,

a science. For example, some of the founders and early sharehold-ers of Checkpoint Snftware sold substantial amounts of stock after the company went public, as did Efi Arazi after his company, Efi, went public. The share prices of both companies continued to climb steeply (and have not really fallen back) since they sold.

Similarly, a small electronics company io which I owned stock until recently, saw its share price almost halve from the time I bought it, from somewhere in the NIS 3 range to a little over NIS 1.50. The stock seemed very cheap. It was trading at about half the company's net assets, which cnmprised cash and a nice building. The flipside was that some less than judicinus investments and poor performance in the company's main business bad led to several quarters of losses.

I checked the company insider filings on a regular basis. The two partners in the busicess each owned approximately 33 percent of the company, and the only evidence of activity that I found was that one of them bad bought on in a company.

The moral of these stories is that PERSONAL FINANCE

10,000 shares at a cost of about \$7,000. Hardly a stunning vote of confidence in the future nr an indication that things were looking up. Yet the following quarter, the company reported a very sharp increase in revenues, a significant turnaround from losses to a handy level of profitability and a solid improvement in the order book. To preempt the obvious question, there are quiet periods when company insiders are privy to information that regulatory authorities deem price-sensitive. In reality, of course, they always know more than the outside, and this is why the authorities in various countries apply this rule differently. In some, the window when insiders can deal is only a few weeks per quarter, in others its

much wider. These guys had plenty of open periods when they could have bought stock. In the run up to and following the good news, the share price tripled, having already doubled previously as the general market recovered. I'm not blaming them for the fact that I sold only at a 50% profit instead of 300%, just pointing out the fact that insider filings, nr their absence, is a far from perfect guide to what's going

Netscape to pay \$179.6m.

This said, if a company insider is filling his boots with stock, you have to ask yourself wby. The reason is usually, though oot always, that the stock is real cheap and will not stay that way forever. The insider knows that business is good or getting better, and that this isn't being appreciated by the market. For example, during the sustained downturn of 1994-95, Eliezer Fishman booght huge quantities of cheap stock in his two main listed companies, the Jerusalem Economic Corporation and Industrial Buildings Ltd. Their share prices had been battered beyond economic reason, business was good and Fishman took advantage of the market's folly. There are many other examples of the same phenomenon on the TASE over the last couple of years. Fishman stands out because he really put very large sums to work. One thing to be careful of when following insiders is the possibili-

ty that they are motivated more by control than by price. As I have written many times, controlling sharebolders often take advantage nf their position by granting them-selves covert dividends - i.e. dividends in which other shareholders do not enjoy - by way of cheap options, bonuses and salaries to themselves and their family. The potential size of these covert dividends makes it worthwhile for a controlliog shareholder to buy more shares, almnst regardless of the price, to maintain or strengthen this control. This is not the time

to follow the insider's lead. Similarly, companies are often caught in battles for control in which the combatant parties are willing to pay prices for shares that are unjustified on a fundamental basis, in order to secure control.

Consider the recent battles for beverage company Tempo and jewelry manufacturer Paz-Chen. In both cases the companies share prices soared as two shareholder groups bid the market almost any price for the vital last few shares required to secure victory and control. In both cases the share price fell back sharply after the victor had been declared and the two sides' appetite for stock had been sated.

Indeed, it is often the case in such situations that the loser wants to get rid of his large minority bolding, and this creates downward pressure on the stock. On the TASE it is also near impossible to buy shares once the action has started in earnest. If you shift the battle ahead of time and jump in early, ynu can do very nicely. Time it wrong, and you can get burned.

So, watch for insider buying and selling (and even its absence), try to find out what has motivated the sale or purchase (how much of his holding is the insider selling, are they borrowing money to buy?) and try to assess carefully how, if at all, the company's prospects have changed. All this may provide key clues to a poteotial major upturn or downturn in the compaoy's share price.

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ist in internal medicine, Ophir has served for the past 10 years as the hospital's chief physician, and head of its. Check-Up Institute. She is currently completing a second degree in health-systems management. Amnon Madar, : managing director of the Radisson Moriah botel chain, has joined the Visa., Credit Card of Israel board of

the Assuta Hospital. A special-

tional facility that has been operating for four years on the campus of the Israel College. directors. One of the founders of Isracard, Madar helped to pio-. neer the credit-card system in . Zohar Zisapel, fonoder and chairman of privately held RAD Data Communications, has Israel and was active in the establishment of Europay-Eurocard International.

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Lasyer Miki Adar has been Actress Gila Almagor has been awarded the prestigious. life ichievement prize of the Women's International Forant ippointet general manager of Deficative the Tirat Trvi chain of delise. The nine years prior to her new appointment. Adar served as product development manager at Burger Ranch.

Four hundred and five New

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business management and med-

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gregated at the Dan Panorama Convention Center in Tel Aviv

to receive their diplomas. On hand were Health. Minister. Yeboshua Matza (right) and

former managing director of Jadiran, Higael Neiman (left), who together with Prof. Simcha Romen runs the educa-

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CX Technologies Inc., a US maker of industrial products, agreed yesterday to acquire Britton Group Plc, a

UK paper and packaging compa-ny, for £198 million (\$334.2m.). ACX is offering 140 pence in cash per ordinary Britton share, a 43.6 percent premium over the UK company's closing share price of 97.5 pence Monday. ACX is also offering 100 pence, or a 29% premium, for each Britton convertible share.

Britton last month rejected a £167 million offer from US paperboard company Caraustar Industries Inc., calling it "absurdly low."ACX's bid is 18.6% higher.

"The board of Britton is aware

ACX to acquire UK's Britton for \$334m.

> well over the past year," said Britton Chief Executive Robin Williams. "The board has taken the view that it should recommend these offers from AXC in order that shareholders should bave the opportunity to realize the investments at a price that fairly reflects the underlying value of

the business. Packaging and paper companies are under pressure to consolidate to cut costs and boost market share. In the six months to June 30, Britton posted a pretax profit of £7.9 m. on sales of £109.5m. Earnings per ordinary share were 4.2 pence.

Golden, Colorado-based ACX makes ceramics, packaging products, solar electric systems and other industrial products. (Bloomberg Business News)

Corp. said it will buy closely held Kiva Software Corp. for \$179.6 million in stock to broadeo its reach in linking together internal and external net-

works for its customers. Netscape will issue about 6.3 million shares of Netscape stock to buy 2-year-old Kiva, which has

more than 100 employees and is based in Mountain Merry, California, Netscape said it will fold Kiva into its server products division headed by John Paul. Netscape, which is going up

against No. 1 personal computer software company Microsoft Corp. in selling software to run Web sites, said the market for so-called application servers that work in concert

in stock for Kiva Software panies are doing business on the Web, and Netscape seeks to be a leader in providing software that links Web-based programs with a customer's existing systems.

"What we'll do is add their product to ours, integrating their development team intact," said Netscape's Pani.

The acquisition will shave about two pennies from earnings, per share in the current-quarter, Peter Currie, Netscape's chief financial officer, said in the conference call. The purchase should start to add modestly to earnings in the latter half of next year, he said.

Netscape said it plans to close the transaction in the fourth quarter and account for the purchase as a pooling of interests. Shares of California-

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that the packaging sector in general has not rewarded UK investors

with Web servers will be \$400 million by 2000. More and more combased Netscape fell 11/4 to 281/2 (Bloomberg Business News)

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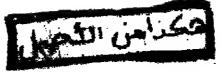
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on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's first section fell 65.06 points, or 5.11%, to 1207.37 - its biggest Japan's benchmark stock index one-day percentage plunge since November 29, 1993. plunged more than five percent yesterday as Monday's collapse of

### Tel Aviv

Israeli shares closed mixed after markets in New York and in Asia nated declines. The Mishtanim Index rose 0.39 percent to 281, the Maof Index of 25 issues rose 0.45% to 290.61, and the Tel Aviv Confinuous Trading Index fell 0.01% to 94.47. The indexes started the day lower.

"Things are happening overseas," said Idan Azoulay, a portfolio manager at the Impact Securities unit of Union Bank of Israel, "Here, nothing fundamental has changed. Interest rates are Partners, a Japanese hedge fund in Tiburon, Californin. "Disclosure not going up. Yamaichi is not an Israeli bank." "After we saw Britain and other

in Japan is much worse than any-European markets didn't go down" Tel Aviv improved, said The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 854.05 points, Gidi Halpern, portfolio manager at or 5.11%, to 15,867.53. The Meitav Ltd. broader Topix index of all shares

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threatened with insolvency, the

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Paul Meggyesi, senior currency

economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. "Clearly the market is

nervous, it's short yen, and there-

The dollar rose as high as 128,05

yen, matching its record high of

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Japanese government officials reiterated yesterday that they will consider using public funds to hall

out troubled hanks. The dollar ini-

tially rose, though, amid doubts a

definite resolution to use public

funds to bail out the industry

The failure of Yamaichi

Securities sent Japan's benchmark

fore prone to" sell dollars,

marks on Monday.

would emerge soon.



Nikkei slumps 5% on Yamaichi news

Maof 290.61 A 0.45% Dow Jones 7808 A 0.52% FTSE 4863.5 ▼ 0.72% Nikkei 15867.53 ▼ 5.11%

gained 3% to 27.7. The drugmak-er's third-quarter net rose 12% on a 16% rise in sales. Agis was the most active issue, trading NIS 9.6 million of shares. First International Bank of Israel Ltd. Series 1 shares rose 4.9% to

NIS 453 while the Series 5 shares gained 3.75% to NIS 2,425.13. The bank said third-quarter earnings rose 19%.

UK stocks fell, led by oil shares, offsetting relief that the bankruptcy of Japan's oldest brokerage didn't trigger a worldwide market collapse. The benchmark FTSE 100 Index fell 35.1 points, or 0.72 percent, to 4863.5, led by Shell Transport & Trading Co. and Briosh Petroleum Plc.

The market's down in general, but we're quite encouraged hy Japan," said Robert Buckland, a UK equity strategist at HSBC James Capel in London. "A financial meltdown can be a good thing because it flushes out the stale ends - insolvency is a necessary evil."

Broader indexes also fell. The FTSE 250 Index of mid-sized companies declined 14.4 points to 4631.3, while the FTSE 350 Index, a combination of the two indexes, lost )5.1 points to 2348.6.

"If Japan's financial situation is going to be sorted out, then this is good news," said Rohin Younger, chief equity strategist at Henry Cooke Group. "Japan will take some time to find its feet but Japanese authorities taking action

peripheral issue."

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Stocks muscled higher yesterday as Wall Street shrugged off a sharp selloff in Tokyo following the collapse of a major Japanese brokerage. The Dow Jones indusrial average rose 41 03 points to 7,808.95 after meandering from an early 53-point gain to a 28-point loss. Broad-market indicators also turned higher despite yesterday's five percent tumble on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

US and European stocks already had fallen sharply on Monday, with the Dow losing 113 points, on the presumption that Tokyo shares would take a pounding when trading resumed there today after a three-day weekend.

While the latest developments in Asia were unsettling, there was encouraging news on the domestic front.Dell Computer, which beat forecasts late Monday with its latest profit report, rose about 2% as the most active Nasdaq issue. That helped lift IBM, which surged 4% as the Dow's strongest component

(AP)

tomers' 24 trillion yen (\$190 billion) of stocks, bonds and cash would be protected. Some analysts were optimisoc the government would come through with a rescue scheme of things the level of the dollar against the yen is just a package for the industry.

The US currency's climh also "I was a bit surprised by the negwas tempered after Nikkei reportative reaction to Yamaichi in ed that Haruhiko Kuroda, direc-lor-general of the Japanese Japan today," said Francis Breden, a currency economist at Lehman Brothers International Ltd. 'The Finance Ministry's International authorioes' reaction was pretty Finance Bureau, said a big drop swift, and couldn't have been in the yen against the dollar would he counterproductive. much better than it was. It will Finance Minister Hiroshi take some time before they come Economic up with an overall plan, but that is in the cards now,"

Yamaichi's collapse marks the largest Japanese business failure since World War II and follows the demise of Sanyo Securities Co, and Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd. earlier this mooth.

(Bloomberg)

### Gold falls on fear that banks will cut holdings

Precious metals

Gold fell for a fourth time in five days. dropping as much as 0.6 percent to near its lowest price in 12 1/2 years amid persistent coocern central banks want to reduce their

tle changed on perceptions that ministers from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would vote to boost oil output quotas, even as coocerns grew that Iraq isn't cooperating with weapons inspectors. Iraq said 40 presidential palaces and 23 other sites are part of the

COMMODITIES Gold \$301.25 ▼ 1.6%

expect that a slew of economic reports over the next few days will show that construction activity aod orders for manufactured goods remain high in the world's largest ecooomy, fueling demand for copper pipes and wire. The LME's beochmark three-month copper contract rose \$25 to \$1,887

and

many products containing zinc, such as cars and building materials. Three-month zinc fell \$24 to \$1,184 a ton on the LME.

Coffee rose as demand for lower-grade robusta beans increased ahead of the peak cold weather season.

Coffee consumption tends to

Mitsuzuka Planning Agency Director-General Koji Omi hinted again yesterday that the government Nikkei 225 stock index into a tailmight agree to use public funds to stabilize the financial system. Japan's Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Japan gave on Monday assurances that Yamaichi's cus-

spin. The index tumbled 854.05 points, or 5.11%, to 15,867.53, When investors sell Japanese slocks, they often convert the yen proceeds into other currencies. Getting on with the job of sorting out the banking system is para-

Dollar 3.5330 A 0.17%

Basket 3.8201 A 0.02%

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Sterling 5.9646 ▼ 0.15%

Europe Yen pares losses on fears of asset sales by Japan mount," said Steve Barrow, a cur-CURRENCIES rency strategist at Bear Stearns International. "In the whole

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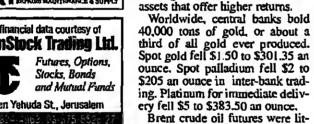
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French franc	0.6012	0.6109	0.59	0.62	0.6058
Japanese yen (100)	2.7598	2.8044	2,71	2.85	2.7799
Dutch florin	1.7853	1.8141	1.75	1.84	1.7992
Swiss franc	2.4898	2.5300	2.44	2.57	2.5091
Swedish krona	0.4608	0.4683	0.45	0.48	0.4643
Norwegian krone	0.4945	0.5025	0.48	0.51	0.4983
Danish krone	0.5285	0.5371	0.51	0.55	0.5326
Finnish mark	0.6662	0.6770	0.65	0.69	0.6715
Canadian dollar	2.4661	2.5059	2.42	2.55	2.4841
Australian dollar	2.4142	2,4532	2.37	2.49	2.4330
S. African rand	0.7226	0.7343	0.65	0.74	0.7261
Belgian franc (10)	0.9755	0.9915	0.95	1.01	0.9833
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8589	2.9051	2.80	2.95	2.8811
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country's sovereign properties and that weapons inspection teams

wouldn't be allowed inside them. Mcanwhile, hrokers said marketers will be unwilling to make big bets on the market before an outcome is known from the winter OPEC meeting that starts in Jakarta today. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are thought to be pressing for increased output ceilings. which would drag prices lower. January Brent crude fell 2 cents to trade at \$19.07 a barrel.

Crude Oil \$19.04 ▼ 0.05 CRB 236.21 ▼ 1.62%

### Others

Copper rose from its lowest closing price in 14 months amid expectations economic growth in the US will sustain metal consumption at a time when demand from Asia is sagging. Economists

a ton. Zinc dropped as much as 2.2%

as the deepening financial crisis in Asia reduces demand expectations and as exports of the metal from China surged. A combination of lower curren-

cies, higher interest rates and the stern medicine being prescribed for South Korea, Thailand and Indooesia by the International Monetary Fund - such as curbs on government spending - are set to slash growth in demand in Asia for

increase during the Northern Hemisphere's winter. At the same time, supplies of robusta beans, particularly from Vietnam, are currently adequate to meet such demand, analysts and traders said.

Coffee for January delivery on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange rose as much as \$23 to \$1,605 a metric ton, last trading up \$14 to \$1,596 a ton.

(Bloomberg)

### US bonds little changed by homes sales boost

US bonds were little changed al rate of 4.4 million. after reports showing robust con-The benchmark Treasury bond fell 2/32.3 or 63 sumer confidence and a higgerthan-expected jump in October home sales failed to ignite con-

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cents per \$1,000 hond, to 100 3/4, leaving its yield at 6.07%. cern the economy is growing fast The two-year note's yield climbed 2 basis points to 5.70%. The results "were not really a The reports offered few signs surprise," said Anthony Karydakis, n financial economist

investors should be worried that inflation - now running at the slowest pace in a decade - will accelerate in coming months. That means the Federal Reserve isn't likely to raise interest rates at a meeong on December 16. Bonds earlier fell as traders prepared for the sale of almost \$50 hillion of new government securities, and as concern persist-

30-year

ed that Japan may sell Treasuries to prop up ailing hanks. The auctions are a big part of it," said David Connors, head the month ends.



US 30 -yearT-bill yield 6.07 ▲ 0.2

Bonds Monday slipped after the collapse of Japan's fourthgovernment bond trader at Credit Suisse First Boston, one of the 38 largest brokerage, Yamaichi Securities Co., prompted concern Japan will sell US bonds to raise Wall Street firms required to hid at Treasury debt auctions. He expects the government's \$11 money to holster its financial hillion of five-year notes to meet institutions. Japanese investors adequate demand, in part because are the higgest non- US holders of Treasuries, with a record some investors need the securities to wrap up their accounts as \$321.2 billion at the end of August, according to the

The Treasury was expected Treasury Department. yesterday to sell \$35 billion in To be sure, some s 15-day cash management bills. In the asset-backed market,

To be sure, some said the US securities' higher yields compared with Japanese deht make it unlikely there will be much sell-Pacific Gas & Electric Co. was gearing up yesterday to sell \$2.9 ing. "There will be reparriation, hillion of honds hacked hy a spehut I don't think it's going to outcial charge on electricity bills, weigh the need to hold this kind leading three California utilities of long-term asset," said Sonja expected to sell a combined \$7.4 Gibbs, an economist at Nomura billion of rate reduction bonds International in London.

At a yield of 5.86 percent, the benchmark 10-year US Treasury hond yields 395 hasis points more than the 1.91% yield on the No. 197 10-year Japanese government bond, up 9 basis points from Monday.

Japanese selling would only happen "in a disaster scenario," said CSFB's Connors. "And none of us think the disaster is going to happen." (Bloomberg)

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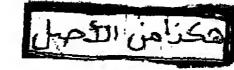
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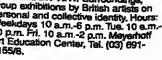
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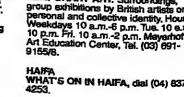
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SPORTS

### Law tips Scholes for England World Cup spot LONDON (Reuters) - Former

Manchester United great Dennis Law has tipped Paul Scholes to be a club and country and he always Cup side next year. As competition for places in

coach Glenn Hoddle's final squad for France increases, Law has predicted Scholes, who plays for United in the European Champions' League against FC Kosice of Slovakia tomorrow, will edge out team mate Teddy Sheringham for the second striker's spot,

Scholes is often compared to Law, dubbed the "King of Old Trafford" in the 1960s. Newcastle's Alan Shearer is

expected to be fit to spearhead the England attack in the finals which means there will be only one other vacant place up front.

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he has matured presents Glenn "At the moment it has to be Hoddle with a nice selection headache Scholes," Law said yesterday. in the build-up for the finals."

### Friedstein elected ITC chairman

Kollie Friedstein is the newly elected chairman of the local board of the Israel Tennis Center. Friedstein, who will fill the position for two years, replaces Lonny Herzikowicz who served for five years and will remain a member of the board.

Friedstein, one of the founders of Kibbutz Shoval in the Negev, was chairman of the Israel Tennis Association in the early 'nineties and prior to that was managing director of the ITC.

Seymour Brode from the United States heads the TTC's internacional Heather Chait

### National basketball squad set for fresh start vs. Belarus

### By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Israeli basketball's "Katzurin Era" begins tonight for the national team as new coach Muli Katzurin leads his charges out to face Belarus at Yad Eliabu in the first of the qualifying round games for the European Championships, set for France in

to the top of the premier league and Israel finished ninth in the last championships, held in Spain last summer, and beat Belarus twice along the way in the preliminar-"He has become a vital part in the

This time around, Israel has been drawn in qualifying group C along with Belarus, Denmark, Britain, Spain and Ukraine. Given that the top three teams in each of the five brackets advance to France following the 10-game schedule, Israel, Spain and Ukraine should have decent shots

largely up to Katzurin, who has taken over from Zvi Sherf. Katzurin's appointment raised some cycbrows among those who thought the job should have gone to current Hapoel Jerusalem

Aviv and Bnei Herzliya coach, who is assisted by Hapoel Galil Elyon's David Blatt.

The Israeli squad should benefit from a strong backcourt, with Maccabi's Oded Katash and Doron Sheffer leading the way. Katash is nursing an Achilles heel injury, hut physiotherapists were Mark Price. working on readying him for the

game. The pair's additional EuroLeague experience should stand them in good stead in naconal team play. Meanwhile, Maccabi's Guy

Goodes - currently on loan to Italian second division team Caserta while he recovers from a knee injury - arrived yesterday to join his teammates. Add to that list the deadly Amir Katz of Hapoel Eilat, and you have a dangerous backcourt with plenty of scoring punch.

swingman Lior Arditi is the defensive specialist and will be out to stop Belarus's running game and vaunted three-point shooters. Israel will luck out tonight as several Belarus players who are members of US college teams will not be available. Now that Sherf is gone, center

Tomer Steinhauer, who didn't always get along with him.

should be happier. The addicoo of former Maccabi Tel Aviv reserve Jeff Kent should also help the frootcourt, while Ofer Fleischer is agaio being counted on to lend bulk underneath, even if his foul shooting at times makes Shaquille O'Neal look like

Galil Elyon's Gur Shelef will see plenty of playing time, and may start aloogside Nadav Henefeld, Sheffer, Katash, and Steinhauer. Uri Cohen-Mintz of Herzliya is also expected to be on the roster.

Expect Katzurin to make ample use of his bench to preserve some strength for their game in Ukraine on Saturday night. Israel is home against Denmark oext Wednesday night before a hiatus unol February.

Haviog a full-time oational team coach in Katzurin and a topflight assistant like Blatt. who works well with yooog players, should give the national squad a boost. With the home crowd behind them, Israel shoold be able to use Belarus as the first of many stepping stooes oo the way to France, 1999.

The game will be shown live on Channel 1 tonight at 20:45)

### Swimmer Halika wins gold

Mickey Halika won gold and silver medals at the Nations Cup competition in Vienna, Austria. Halika won the 400 meters individual medley in 4:27:8 and placed second in the 200m butterfly in 2:05:90. Yosv Bruck took silver in the S0m freestyle for his time of 23.56 seconds. He was third in the 100m freestyle in \$1.73 second

### Meshi, Hacham win in Caesarea

This week's two-persons scramble 'Visa' competition was won by Zvika Meshi and Kobi Hacham with a 14-under-par 59. Mike Ossip and Hanan Eshed had a nine under 64 for second place and at 65 and third place were Sami Haliyo and Barry Zimmerman. One hundred players entered the competition.

After 16 rounds of the Coca-Cola league, Kfar Shmaryahu has 67 an unassailable lead with 67 points ahead of Herzliya (36) and Jerusalem (30).

### Squash champ beaten

Naconal and Maccabi champion Ronen Goldberg lost in the final of the Herzliya Squash Center's 15th championships to Sa'ar Justman. In third place was Warren Berman, Gal Lev-Ran beat Tsemach Meir in the over-35 age group with Peter Gaunt overcoming Trevor Segal in the over-45 category.

Reuven Metrani won the over-50's group, beauing Norman Gluckman. The tournament, in memory of Ronnie McCloud, was organized hy Peter Gaunt and Brenda Leberman.

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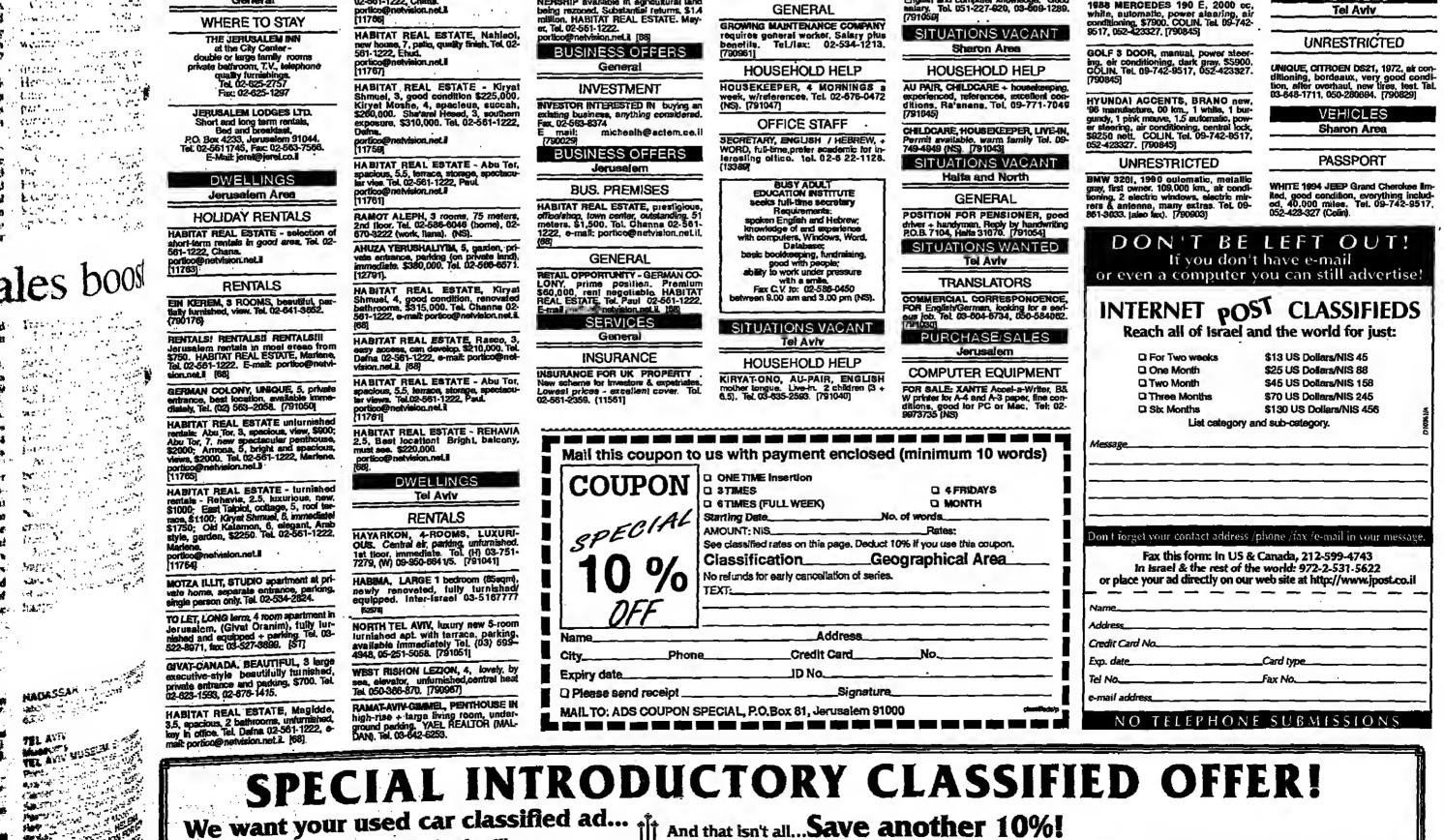
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# across the Mersey

enacted at Anfield come the end of the season.

Alan Hansen, the Liverpool skipper, hoisted aloft the famous old English Championship soccer trophy.

it was the eleventh time in

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18 seasons that LONDON CALLING the trophy had been lifted by a Bearing and a second Liverpool skip-per. In the 1980s

alone, they picked up the title no fewer than six times. And on twoof the occasions in that decade when they didn't top the league, it was the men from across Stanley Park in the city, Everton, who took the bonors. Fast forward to this year, how-

ever, and all is not well in the passionate footballing metropolis that is Liverpool.

The 1990s have, thus far, been disaster for the two Merseyside giants and, despite the great optimism with which they both set off for this current campaign, results have been a giant letdown.

Saturday's matches exemplified their season. Liverpool faced Barnsley at bome, the Yorkshire side having been thumped on each of their last three away outlogs. A bome banker you might say, probably much as the Anfield faithful did as they took their seats. Wrong.

Barnsley sneaked a goal and a Liverpool side shorn of ideas, inspiration and finishing prowess rolled over and let the game slip away from them.

Time was when the Anfield crowd was almost worth a goal start and to play at Liverpool was the ultimate test of a visiting side's nerve. Now a visit to Leeds can be judged more

daunting. Manager Roy Evans acknowl-edged the crowd's right to boo his side from the field oo Saturday. But amid those boos will have been plenty of murmurings aloog the lines of "Evans out."

Looking back at pictures of the likes of Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan or Kenny Dalglish celebrating one of those aforemenchampionships, one tioned could often see a youthful -Bvanstia long-time membersof, he legendary Anfreicht boot room sharing in allostoff umohs.

Evans, a likeable man whose commitment to the Liverpool cause can't be questioned, admitted that if he hadn't been offered the top job when Graeme. Souness quit Liverpool in Janoary 1994 then he might have sought a fresh challenge elsewhere. Since taking over, he has spent millions and remodeled a Liverpool side with all the true traditional virtues. Yet somehow a side which contains such talents as Ince, Fowler, McManaman and Redknapp fails to deliver the goods. The team has been dubbed the Spice Boys - a reference to their so-called off field activities taking priority over football matters. Yet this season, following the signing of Ince from Inter Milan, was meant to be the one when boys matured into men.

In 1990, a familiar scene was honorary title while the real enacted at Anfield come the end work of managing the team is carried out by someone else.

Everton's woes If eighth place spells trouble for Liverpool then Everton are in the disaster zone. Dumped into bottom spot

the in, Premiership following their defeat at Aston Villa, they are now facing yet another relegation dogfight to

compare with the very worst of recent years.

Again the man at the helm can be seen sharing those previous triumphs of the 1980s. The only difference is that Howard Kendall actually managed Everton's championship wio-ning sides, but this, his second return to Goodison, is proving possibly a step too far.

Already on shaky ground after it became clear that his summer appointment was only made when the first two or three choices were oot interested, Kendall bas seen his well paid stars roll over and die too many times for comfort.

Everton always seem too big to go down, but the uncomfortable reality is that having toyed with the idea for so long, they are now serious contenders for the dreaded drop. Tronbled off the field,

trounced on it, Everton have the same sort of look as Manchester United circa 1973/74 - a bloated, chaotie club which needs a spell outside of the elite in order to regroup and no longer take

things for granted. The only problem for Evertonians however, is that given the big bucks now being spent by other First Division clubs, there is no guarantee of a return to the Premiership should they fall from grace.

So the city of Liverpool, finds itself looking for answers and not seeing them coming. Perhaps we should all enjoy the Merseyside derby of February 21 next year - it could be the last we see for some time.

Captain Courageous the right choice

Despite their concern at the previous day's 25-8 defeat to the All Blacks, the England rugby management must have breathed a sigh of settie-relief on Sunday noming.

One, their side had put up a gallant performance against a side many consider to be the best out of the southern islands for many a long year, and two, they

# Not so merry Hornacek Jazzes it up in OT win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) --- The Utah Jazz were headed for an embarrassing collapse, watching a 27-point lead evaporate against the Minnesota Timberwolves. But Jeff Hornacek hit a key

jumper to help send the game to overtime, then scored seven of his season-high 25 points in the extra period as Utah defeated the Timberwolves 133-124 Monday

night. "He came up big, made a big shot (near the end of regulation) and made a lot of big shots in the overtime," said Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, who watched his team blow a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter. "He kept us alive. Otherwise, we were really struggling. He had a great finish."

Karl Malone scored 33 points, also a season-best, and Adam Keefe had a season-high 17 points for the Jazz, who outscored the Timberwolves 19-10 in overtime. Marbury, who scored nine points in the first half, finished with a career-high 38, including four 3-

pointers. He led Minnesota's dramatic comeback from a 96-75 deficit at the start of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 112 with 1:03 left in regulation. His steal with six seconds to play in regulation sent the game into overtime. Magic 95, Wizards 87

Rony Seikaly scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds host Orlando grabbed its sixth consecu-

tive victory. Playing with Penny Hardaway for the first time during the win-ning streak, the Magic pulled away in the final four minotes as Derek Strong scored six of his 15 points down the stretch.

The Wizards, who have lost six straight, got 29 points and 15 rebounds from Chris Webber, who scored 10 of Washington's last 15 points. Juwan Howard scored 20, but just two of them came in the fourth quarter.

wbo Hardaway, missed Orlando's previous five games because of tendinitis in his left knee, finished with 15 points on 5-

for-14 shooting. Trail Blazers 91, Raptors 90 After Popeye Jones hit a jumper to put the Raptors up 90-87 with 39 secoods left, Brian Grant Rasheed Wallace tipped in Kenny Anderson's miss at the buzzer as visiting Portland handed the Raptors their 10th straight loss.

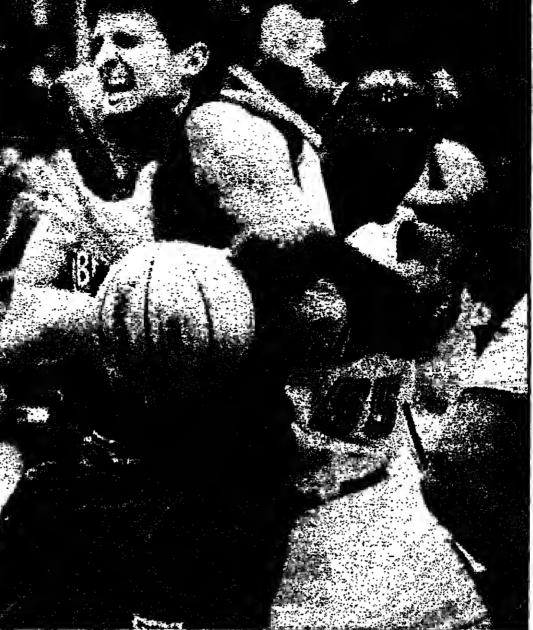
Pippen: I want out! Coach: He's kidding

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scored on a follow shot to make it

SEATTLE (AP) - Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson isn't taking Scottie Pippen's trade demands too seriously. Michael Jordan isn't so sure. Pippen himself isn't talking - for now.

"I think he's just joking the press, personally, and throwing a barb out there," Jackson said Monday after a workout for the Bulls' game tonight



EMBRACEABLE YOU - Timberwolves Cherokee Parks (1) is fouled by Utah's Antoine Carr in first-quarter-action. The Jazz won 133-124 in OT.

> chance to restore Toronto's threepoint lead, but neither could Anderson brought the ball up sounded.

Reggie Slater and Jones had a court and missed a shot with time running out, Wallace positioned himself perfectly and tapped in

**Bronços trample Raiders** 

DENVER (AP) - For four straight games, the Denver Broncos' offense fizzled in the red zone, scoring only five touchdowns io a series of punchless performances that belied its standing as the No. 1 offense in the NFL. All it took to snap out of it was the sight of the dreaded pirate and his eyepatch on the side of an Oakland Raiders helmet.



es for 280 yards and a touchdown, and Sharpe had 10 receptions for 142 yards. Davis scored three touchdowns and ran for 69 yards - regaining the NFL rushing lead that Detroit's Barry Sanders wrested from him on Sanday

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HOUSTON (AP) Hakeem Olajuwon, the Houston Rockets' All-Star center, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Monday night and could be side-lined for some two months, team doctors said.

Olajuwon, 34, has been slowed so far this season and complained about his knee following Saturday's game against Golden State. Team doctors considered surgery or rest and rehabilitation for the injury caused by wear and

"It's definitely time to get this thing fixed," his physicians said. "Olajuwon had complained of trouble with his left knee early in the season. Although he has averaged 24 points on 52 percent shooting in his career, this season he's averaging only 14.8 points w with 48 percent shooting.

Olajuwon has had only one serious injury in his 14 years in the NBA, which includes championships in 1994 and '95. In 1991, he was elbowed in the eye and missed 25 games.

He hasn't missed more than 14 games in any other season, although he's had a blood elot in his left leg and an irregular heartbeat. In the past five seasons, he's missed only 26 games.

In other news, Shaquille O'Neal will be sidelined at least 10 more days, but the Lakers' center will not need surgery on his injured abdomen.

O'Neal has been hampered by the abdominal strain on and off since the start of training camp. He re-aggravated the injury in a game against Minnesota last Wednesday.

The latest announcement means that O'Neal will miss at least five more games, but there still are oo plans as yet to place on the injured

O'Neal, 25, is in the second year of a six-year contract worth more than \$120 million.

score from in close. After the rebound just as the buzzer

Net result so far? Eighth place, having lost four games already. The spotlight is oow turning onto Evans. He apparently has "a job for life" with Liverpool, but time is running out if that particular brand of employment is oot to carry some awkward

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had oarrowly escaped having to

ban their captain. Martin Johnson, the triumphant Lions captain and a lock forward for England, was on the receiving end of a sevenday ban for his obvious punch on Kiwi captain Justin Marshall. And rightly so. But had coach Clive Woodward listened to the media calls at the start of the season for Johnson to take his successful stewardship of the Lions side

ooto the field of play for England, the management could have faced a tricky problem. Having plumped for Lawrence Dallaglio, superb in attack and defense on Saturday, the selec-

tors were proved right. Johnson may have had a brilliant series against the Springboks but those occasional flashes of temper mean his choice as skipper of England was never the foregone conclusion many had felt it would be.

against the Seattle SuperSonics.

Jordan, like Pippen, becomes a free agent at the end of the season."We know that he's not happy with his contract." Jordan said. "He didn't have to go public, but he did. I'm not shellshocked by anything that bappens. This organization is at a crossroads."

Pippen, who hasn't played this season because of a foot injury, told the Daily Herald of Arlington Heights, Illinois, he wants to leave the team. "I ain't coming back," Pippen told the newspaper Sunday at balftime of the Bulls' game at Sacramento. "I want to be traded. I want to go to Phoenix or LA"

Pippen averaged nearly 20 points last season, led the Bulls in assists and was their No. 2 rebounder, but bas been relatively underpaid, making less than \$3 million this season under a contract extension he signed in 1991.

"I'm not surprised he wants to be traded," said Ron Harper, Pippen's best friend on the team. "He feels they are not loyal to him and he has been loyal to them. He has played hurt, he has won five championships. He feels they should come out and do something for him."

During 10 years with Chicago, Pippen has often feuded with general manager Jerry Krause over trade rumors and his contract.

"Yon never close doors," Krause told the Chicago Tribune."However, we spent a tremendous amount of money to bring this team back intact. It would take a knockout deal for us to trade any key guy on our team." Pippen told the Daily Herald the last straw came in September when he considered playing in his own charity game at the Uoited Center despite his painful foot, which was operated on in October.

Pippen said Kranse told him in a letter before the game not to play. "He said he would fine me. Can you believe it?" Pippen said.

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John Elway, Shannon Sharpe and Terrell Davis led the way as the Broncos scored four touchdowns, crushing the Raiders 31-3 on Monday night.

"I hate that damn patch," Broncos safety Tyrone Braxton said during preparations for the battle with Denver's bitterest rival.

"When you have orange blood flowing through your veins, it becomes a hatred like the Hatfields and McCoys." For a week, the Broncos were energized by the thought of the rivalry and of a 28-25 loss io Oakland five weeks earlier. It not only was the Broocos' first setback after six wins, but it also proved humiliating when the Raiders made mock salutes to taunt the Broneos, whose running backs made saluting a sign

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**Broncos' Terrell Davis** 

of celebration this season. Denver players did the only salutiog Monday night. Elway completed 21 of 32 pass-

(1,469-1,427). "Our goal coming in here was not just to beat them, but to beat them badly," said Denver line- f. backer Bill Romanowski, a leader of the unit that held the Raiders to 260 yards. 'Everybody had the

state of mind that this was going to be a war and we were going to bury them." Denver (10-2) maintained its one-game lead over Kansas City in the AFC West, while the

Raiders (4-8) appeared headed for their fourth straight non-playoff season. Napoleon Kaufman, who ripped

the Broncos for a team-record 227 yards rushing in the first meeting, was held to 53 yards on 13 carries. The NFL's No. 2 passing attack also fizzled as Jeff George completed 22 of 41 passes for 185 yards, and was sacked four times. The Broncos, extending their regular-season winning streak at

home to 15 games, put the game away with scores on their first three series of the third quarter.

### **Penguins' unbeaten** streak reaches five

(AP)

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Kevin Hatcher, returning after missing six games with an injured leg. score twice in the second period as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-1 Monday night to extend their unbeaten streak to

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### Atherton wants to lead England one-day team

LONDON (Reuters) - Mike Atherton said yesterday he would like to captain England again in one-day internationals but would not comment on his prospects of taking charge when his country host the 1999 World Cup.

Atherton was not included in the England squad for the Sharjah Cup next month, which will be led by Surrey allrounder Adam Hollioake. Several commentators have suggested he will not captain England again in the one-day

Hollioake is also in the full England team which Atherton will take to the West Indies next Janua

Asked at a news conference at The Oval if his one-day career had ended, Atherton replied: "] accept that I'm not in the oneday sound for Sharjah." But he then said he wanted to

return to the one-day team and pointed out that he had scored a century while leading England to a 3-0 victory over Australia in

"I'm able to play one-day cricket," Atherton said.

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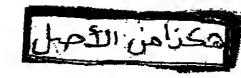
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Kelly Hrudey stopped Brian Savage's shot from in close and Thornton had two cracks at the rebound before lifong the puck in

for bis first goal of the season. Shayne Corson also scored for the Canadiens, who slopped a

two-game losing run. Patrick Marleau and Stephane Matteau scored for the Sharks, who have a four-game unbeaten streak. The Sharks remained winless in seven trips to Montreal since joining the league in 1991.

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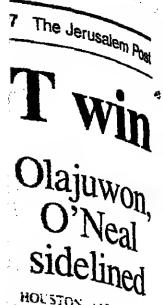
Canadiens 2, Sharks 2 Scott Thornton scored midway through the third period to give

host Montreal a de with San Jose.

The Penguins are on a 4-0-1 roll that iocludes three consecutive Ducks to 13 shots. Hatcher, who hadn'l played since Nov. 8 because of a bruised

Stars 5, Mighty Ducks 0 Ed Belfour got his sixth shutout to de a club record, and Todd Harvey scored twice as host Dallas continued its dominance over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. Pat Verbeek, Darryl Sydor and

Mike Modano added goals for the Stars, who limited the Mighty



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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

There are only two more opportunities to enjoy

French pianist Pascal Rogé as he plays Darius Milhaud's Le Carnaval d'Aix and Francis Poulenc's

piano concerto with the Haifs Symphony Orchestra

under the baton of music director Stanley Sperber,

who also leads the orchestra in Brahms's third sym-

phony. Tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Dance at the Mishkan '97/98 opens with the world

premiere of Ohad Naharin's almost breathlessly antic-

ipated Sabotage Baby, the choreographer's newest

Dutch musicians Orkater. This much hype for a dance

event arouses great expectations, not quite fair even

for such an original talent as Naharin. Tonight

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* CAREER GIRLS - This movie is a small,

sometimes comic character drama that's simpler in its

conception than some of director Mike Leigh's recent

efforts and focuses on one weekend in the friendship

of two very different 30-year-olds, played by Katrin

Cartlidge and Lynda Steadman. By alternating

between the tentative, present-day exchanges between the women and flashbacks to their college

years, the director manages to depict a bond of plau-sible density and complication - although he runs into

some problems with his direction of the actresses,

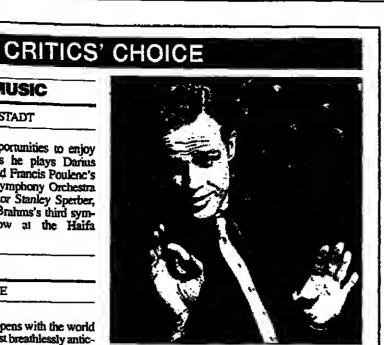
Both give powerful and often quite funny perfor-

mances as the subdued career girls of the title, though

Leigh appears to have instructed them to play the

through Saturday at 8:30 p.m; Friday 9:30 p.m.

Auditorium (8:30).



work for Batsheva Dance featuring avant-garde Marlon Brando is profiled on ITV 3 (33) at 10:30 р.т.

> younger women in the broadest fashion possible, and to base their characters on some obvious physical tic. That's a strategy which might be fine at an early stage in the character-development process but which, when captured in "finished" form on film, bestows on most of the flashback scenes the grotesquely mannered quality of an acting-class exercise spun out of control. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

### TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Dennis Hopper said of Marlon Brando that he was the writer of his movies. ITV 3 (33) is airing a profile of this movie giant tonight at 10:30.. The program, produced by Phil Joyce, will show clips from some of his films, combined with interviews with Francis Ford Coppola and Arthur Penn, as well as actors such as Anthony Hopkins, to highlight Brando's unique contribution to the film industry.



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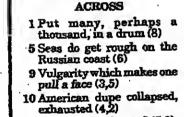
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### **Crunch time** for European hopefuls

### By MIKE COLLETT

LONDON (Reuters) - If results go their way today and tomorrow, five of the eight European Cup quarterfinalists will be known this week. Reigning champions Borussia Dortmund, Manchester United, Dynamo Kiev, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich could all secure their places in the knockout phase with a game to play in their

Champions' League groups. Even if the scores do not turn out exactly right, victory should make qualification virtually certain - and end the hopes of the others.

With the absence of European Cup Winners' Cup matches this week UEFA have split the Champions' League program into two with six matches today and six tomorrow.

Both matches in group A will be tomorrow with Dortmand likely to be too strong at home for bottom club Galatasaray. The Germans won 1-0 in Turkey

in September and as Galansaray are without their suspended influential midfielder Gheorghe Hagi, it is hard to see them overcoming Dortmund at home.

If Dortmand do win and Parma are beaten at home by Sparta Prague, Dortmand will finish first in the sec-

Manchester United, the only team with a 100 percent record, look capable of maintaining their great start. with a fifth successive victory in group B over Kosice at Old Trafford. United crushed Kosice 3-0 in Slovakia in September and have gained in confidence since then with a home win over Juventus and home and away wins over Feyenoord.

Kosice have lost all four games and are unlikely to break that sequence tomorrow.

But if third-placed Feyenoord, who have already been eliminated, continue the improvement they have shown under new coach Leo Beenhaldker in the last two weeks,

and sneak a shock home win over the Italians on Wednesday, United would be home and dry if they beat Kosice as expected.

With both Barcelona and Newcastle United playing out a group C side-show at the Nou Camp tonight, attention will be focused on the top-of-the-table clash between Dynamo Kiev and PSV Eindhoven tomorrow. Kiev beat Eindhoven 3-1 in their

opening match, and if they win at

home, they take the group. Real Madrid, favored in some quarters to win the European Cup for the first time since 1966, can also secure their place in the last eight with a win at second-placed Rosenborg Trondheim. Real crushed the Norwegians 4-1

in Madrid in September and could have scored 10. A 1-0 win would be enough for the Spaniards tomorrow. Bayem Munich will also qualify from group E if they win at Besiktas and bottom-placed IFK Gothenburg defeat Paris St Germain in Sweden. PSG have had an entatic campaign, winning at home against IFK and Bayern and losing at Besiktas and Bayern. But they have a slight advantage over the Swedes, who enter the game with Magnus Johansson and goalkeeper Thomas

Ravelli suspended. The bank for supremacy in group F also involves French and German teams with Monaco and Bayer Leverkusen level on nine points at the top of the table and Sporting Lisbon and Lierse out of contention. Monaco are at home to Sporting tonight and Bayern visit Lierse, but the group is unlikely to be decided before the last day of the league phase of the competition on, December 10 when Monaco travel to Leverkusen.

With the best two second-placed teams joining the six group winners in the quarter-finals, the only certainty is that there is plenty more drama

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LONDON (Reuters) - Tottenham Karlsrube's Christian Wueck (right) is challenged by Valery Ketchinov of Spartak Moscow during their UEFA Cup third round Hotspur's new Swiss manager first-leg match in Germany last night. The match ended goalless. Christian Gross revealed his strict

### **Ciocoiu inspires Steaua to 2-1 UEFA Cup win over Villa**

BUCHAREST (Reuters) - Striker Cristian Ciocoiu inspired Steaua "It's a sensible practice and some of the changes I will make," he said. Gross, who spoke to all the players Bucharest to a 2-1 victory over individually, won the backing of Spurs captain Sol Campbell. Aston Villa in the first leg of their UEFA Cup third round tie last night. The England defender said: "I Ciocoju volleyed a cross over the Villa defence against the post and the

think the new manager is going to be good for the club, bringing in his tactics and ideas. "He's a firm man and fair with it. 30th minute. He seems to emphasize teamwork and we need that. We have to take the new training methods on board.

"Our league position (17th out of superb goal. 20) speaks for itself. We've got to see the warning signs now."

Gross was also keen to emphasize the work ethic. He said: "What I saw against Crystal Palace was a number of players who were not at all match fit. My first job here is to convince them of my methods and ideas.

"The players seem very receptive.

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regime to the players on his first day

in charge at the English premier

league club yesterday. Gross ordered them in for a light

training session the morning after their 1-0 home league defeat by

He then told them changes will

include Fridays away from their families - even before home match-

es - and Sunday training.

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ball ricocheted back off goalkeeper Michael Oakes into the net in the Two minutes later Ciocoiu met a cross from the right with an over-

head kick on the penalty spot for a

Villa looked a ragged side early in the second half and Catalin Munteanu almost made it 3-0 by hammering a volley against the underside of the bar. But in the 54th minute Villa strik-

er Dwight Yorke rose unchallenged in the penalty box to head home a Savo Milosevic cross from seven

Karisruhe 0, Spartak Moscow 0 Two brilliant saves by goalkeeper Alexander Filimonov helped Spartak Moscow to a goalless draw at German side Karlsruhe SC. Karlsruhe, who were crushed 3-0

by VfB Stuttgart on Saturday to drop one place to 16th in the 18-strong Bundesliga, came close to scoring in the ninth minute when defender Bernhard Reich hit the post.

The home side wasted another opportunity in the 65th minute when Filimonov blocked a volley from South African-born striker Sean Dundee, who had only just come on.

Reich, beautifully set up by international playmaker Thomas Haessler, tried his luck again from just inside the penalty area in the 76th minute but the Spartak 'keeper dived to deprive him of a goal.

pounced. With just three minutes remaining,

Cyril Jeunechamp was booked after 22 minutes for a tackle from behind on Rico Steinmann, who was

one of the better Twente players in a cautious and lackluster first half hour. The first attempt on goal was a curling free kick from the left hand sideline by Auxerre striker Stephane Guivarch on 32 minutes, punched

over by Boschker. And Guivarch popped up again moments later, neatly stepping over the ball to provide a close-range shooting chance for Yann Lachuer. Twente stanted the second half strongly and Steinmann burst through on the right to shoot straight at French goalie Fabien Cool from a narrow angle. Sabri Lamouchi struck the bar bar

for the French just before Diomede

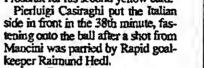
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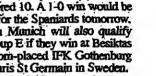
Djorkaeff's pass. But the Argentine substitute was ruled offside. Rapid Vienna 0, Lazio 2

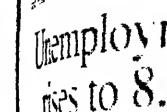
In Vienna, Italy's Lazio beat Rapid Vienna 2-0 in a stormy tie which saw both sides reduced to 10-men in the second half.

Rapid lost Oliver Freund in the 57th minute after the German midfielder picked up his second yellow card for handball, while Italian striker Roberto Mancini was sent off in the 63rd minute immediatly after scoring Lazio's second goal.

Mancini profiled from a mistake in Rapid's defence to fire home after 62 minutes, then brought down Christian Prosenik for his second yellow card.







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They want to improve. Together we must be strong."

Gross, who pleaded with the Tottenham fans to be patient, takes his new side to Goodison Park on Saturday to face Everton in a bottom-of-the-table clash.

"Everyone must work hard for each other. But we have to be realistic. We cannot change much in five days before the game at Everton. We cannot expect an extraordinary performance.

### Swedes face loss of Kulti ahead of Davis Cup final

GOTHÈNBURG. Sweden (Reuters) - Doubles player Nicklas Kulti is struggling with a chronic back injury and is doubtful for Sweden's Davis Cup final against the US this weekend.

Kulti was training with his Swedish team-mates vesterday after undergoing treatment in Linkoping, 200 kms southwest of Stockholm. "It's too early to tell if he can

play." Swedish physiotherapist Per Bastholt said. The loss of Kulti, ninth in the ATP

Tour doubles rankings with Jonas Bjorkman, would further reduce underdog Sweden's chances against the Americans.

The only person downplaying the US chances ahead of the three-day final beginning Friday in this southem Swedish city was team captain Tom Gullikson.

"I really think that we're the underdogs," Gullikson said.

You have the home-crowd advantage here and you have all the Swedes who play good tennis."

Jonathan Stark, winner of the ATP Tour world doubles title with Rick Leach on Sunday in Hartford, Connecticut, has arrived in Gothenburg to replace the injured. Alex O'Brien.

Gullikson is still shuffling his doubles combinations to come up with a winning duo.

In the first three rounds of the Davis Cup, the US have used three different pairings. All have lost

Pete Sampras and Todd Martin are one possible combination for the final while Martin and Stark are another, said Gullikson, who said he would likely wait until after Friday's singles to decide.

A lot depends on what the score is and how Pete feels," said Gullikson.

meiers Ajax 4, Bochum 2 In Amsterdam, Ajax Amsterdam came back from 2-0 down to rock Vfl Bochum with four goals in 11

minutes. Ajax won 4-2, all six goals coming in a thrilling 25 minutes before half-

Bochum, bottom of the German first division, appeared set for a stunning upset when they scored through Thomas Reis and Sergei Juran in the 20th and 24th minutes respectively. But the Dutch league leaders woke

from their slumber to stun their opponents with three goals in four minutes. Michael Landrup scored the first

two in the 34th and 36th minutes and then Shota Arveladze gave Ajax the lead. Frank de Boer ended a frantic first half with Ajax's fourth goal on the stroke of halftime.

PARIS (Reuters) - France, i

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

diums for the 1998 World Cup finals.

wishes of world soccer's governing body FIFA,

will have no perimeter fencing at most of the sta-

"We're heading for eight out of 10 stadiums which will not liste fracting, maybe nine out of 10," Michel Platini, joint chief of the CFO World

Plaini was confirming what Sports Minister Marie-George Buffet said were the French gov-

emment's wishes at a press conference held by

al way, but rather study it case by case," she said.

We do not want to sort out the problem in a glob-

She said the city of Nantes was against doing

away with fencing at their La Beaujoire stadium,

while St Erienne was having financial difficul-

Buffet said the government was looking for solutions "to avoid perturbing the view of the

spectators." At Lyon, Montpellier and Lens, they

were seeking a horizontal solution to prevent :

Cup organizing committee, said yesterday.

Durdee failed to exploit a blunder in the visitors' defence. He found himself alone in front of Filimonov but his shot went just wide.

FC Twente 0, Auserre 1 In the Netherlands, Auxerre striker Bernard Diomede's breakaway goal gave the French a 1-0 win over Dutch side FC Twente.

Diomede chased a through ball down the left during a lightning Auxerre counter attack on 70 minutes and tucked the ball past advancing Twente keeper Sander Boschker. And Boschker denied a cleanthrough Diomede a second ten minutes later with the motionless Twente defense appealing for off-

side. Twente's Andre Kamebeek had a header cleared off the line in injury time. But the game took a long while to

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stages of alteration.

until later in the season.

all for lifting the fences.

all very positive," Platini said.

France to lift most stadium fences

for World Cup finals

She did not give a date for the lifting of the

perimeter fencing at the venues, which also

include Masseille, Toulouse, Bordeaux and the

new Stade de France and Parc des Princes in Paris.

The impressive, supremely modern Stade de

France in the suburb of St Denis is near comple-

tion while the rest of the grounds are at various

Marseille's Velodrome is set to hold next

week's draw although work will continue there.

Platini, also keen to see the fances go down,

"At Nantes it's no. At St Etienne, the (second

They're going to it on condition that they find

division) club is in some difficulty. The rest are

the financial resources. There's just Nantes. It's

FIFA have for a long time been against perime-

ter feacing, saying people are not animals to be

said: "Great progress has been made ...

get going.

French giant killers Strasbour scored twice in the opening 19 minutes to beat Inter Milan 2-0.

Strasbourg, who beat both Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool at their Stade de La Meinau in previous rounds, went ahead in the 11th minute when Inter goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca made a poor clearance from a comer straight to Gerald Baticle. He tapped the ball in

from close range. Eight minutes later Strasbourg captain Baticle backheeled a free kick souare to defender Valerian Ismael and his 25-metre drive went just inside the diving Pagliuca's right-hand post.

Inter, who lost at home to Olympique Lyon in the second round before winning the tie in the away leg, appeared to have pulled back a valuable away goal when Diego Simeone scored from Youri

Croatia Zagreb Atletico Madrid 1 In Zagreb, Atletico Madrid recovered from a second minute goal by

Bosnian international Edin Mujcin to draw 1-1 with Croatia Zagreb. Mujcin slotted home from 10 metres after the Spenish defence failed to clear a cross by Vladimir Petrovic.

Croatia were the better team in the first half, creating several good chances, but bad finishing cost them dearly when Atletico equalised through substitute Jose Luis Caminero in the 61st minute. Coming on for Jordi Lardin in the

second half, Carninero fired a powerful left-footer past goalkeeper Drazen Ladic. Zagreb lost their composure and

the Spanish side settled for a draw which makes them favourites to progress to the quarter-finals.

It also believes fencing is dangerous as in the

That tragedy was reminiscent of the 1989

Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield, England

Jospin reported on the security measures that

will be in place at the venues, taking as their

There will be systems of video-surveillance in

the grounds managed by stewards. The police

chief example England's trouble-free staging of

case of a crush of fans at a stadium in Guatemala

last year in which 78 people died.

where 95 fans were crushed to death.

the 1996 European championship finals.

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Colin McRae (right) and his navigator, Nicky Grist celebrate atop their Subaru after winning the RAC Rally yesterday. (Reuters)

### McRae wins RAC Rally but Makinen keeps crown

CHELTENHAM (Reuters) - Finn Tommi Makinen shrugged off a bout of flu to retain his world rally championship crown yesterday. The Mitsubishi driver took the title

again when he finished sixth overall in the British RAC Rally, which was won by Scotsman Colin McRae in a Subaru.

Makinen had caught a heavy cold in the build-up to the three-day event and his condition worsened as the rally progressed.

He admitted that if he had needed to finish higher than the necess sixth to ensure retaining the title, he would have struggled.

explained after the finish, Every hour I had to take some

shower and go to sleep. "It's an incredible feeling to have

won and it was the most difficult rally for me. I had the situation where I had to just try and score one point, but then I got this flu at the beginning and my condition just got worse. I was lucky that I only needed one point, because otherwise it could have been very difficult." Makinen is only the third driver in rally history to defend his crown successfully.

tion of driving conservatively. knowing sixth place would be enough to clinch the championship, and he never looked like threatening the leaders.

Title rival McRae, though, needed to win the event to stand any chance of seizing the crown and he was locked in a fight for the overall lead with fellow-Briton Richard Burns for much of the second leg and the opening two stages of yesterday's

final leg. But McRae's task was made easier when Burns was slowed with a puncture on the 21 st of the 26 stages. dropping the Mitsubishi driver to fourth overall, and although McRae had no problems on his way to vic-tory, he could not stop Makinen finishing sixth.

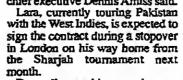
"At the end of the day, I have won nore rallies than Tommi, but he is champion," said McRae.

"If we couldn't win the championship, it is always nice to win our home event. Obviously I am disappointed that we didn't get the championship, but it was a bit of a long shot from the start."

McRae finished two minutes 47 seconds ahead of Ford's Finnish driver Juha Kankumnen. Ford's Carlos Sainz, from Spain, finished third, ahead of Burns and Finn Marcus Gronholm in a Toyota.

LONDON (AP) - West Indies accept a one-year contract. batsman Brian Lara will rejoin Tim Munton will lose the cap-English county side Warwickshire taincy after missing all of last seanext season and will be named son because of a back injury. captain, the club said yesterday.

Brian has international experi-Lara was offered the captaincy ence as a captain and we were after his solicitors faxed a stateimpressed by his tactical awarement expressing his intent to ness when he was here in 1994,



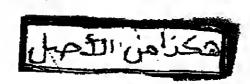
Depending on his commitments

in the Caribbean domestic competition next spring, Lara could resume in county cricket on April 17 against Durham at Edgbaston. Lara hit his world record score of 501 not out against Durham at

triple-winning campaign in 1994.

Edgbaston during Warwickshire's

He started the event with the inten-



Lara offered captaincy of Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss said.

will be in charge outside.

whole country in the event.

To use a term from athletics rather than football, we're now going into the final 400 metres of the 5,000. The bell has sounded," Jospin said.

Jospin said all preparations, for a total cost of 6.67 billion francs (\$1.33 billion), were on schedule and that from now the government would begin a campaign to try to involve the "I didn't feel so well," he medicine to try and keep the fever down. Now, I think I will have a